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Mr. and Mrs. Millard L. Midonick

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November 18, 1965

American Heritage Publishing Co. 551 Fifth Avenue New York, New York

Attentions Miss Coulter

Dear Miss Coulter:

In going through our records I find that a Color Transparency of Stuart Davis' NEW YORK MURAL, 1932 was sent to you on memo on August 2nd.

In order to have our material all up to date and in working order we are most eager to have this transparency returned. Would you be good enough to let me know when we may expect it?

Many thanks for your occoperation.

Sincerely yours,

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December 4, 1965

Mr. Henry Wahn John Reynolds Co. 330 Medison Ave. New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Wahnt

It has been called to our attention that the old sign we left at 32 East 51st Street amounting the fact that we were moving is still there in the window.

If you are willing, we would like to have another sign made specifying the new address and replace the old one with that.

Would you be good enough to let me know if this meets with your approval and what arrangements we should make to effect the sign change.

Many thanks for your attention.

Sincerely yours,

Tracy Miller, Secretary to Mrs. Halpert November 22, 1965

Mr. Irving Levick 701 Seneca Street Buffalo, New York 14210

Deer Mr. Levick!

Please forgive me for not having answered your letter earlier. I suffered a concussion several weeks ago and have been unable to attend to my correspondence, but I was certain that I had acknowledged your beautiful bouquet long, long ago together with the many others received at the opening.

I still hope to see you before the Stasack exhibition closes as I am quite sure that you and Mrs. Levick will be very much impressed with his new work. Because of the interest in this exhibition we decided to extend it for an additional week - ending on the 27th. I trust your visit will concur with this show, but we can always show you what we have remaining plus an additional group which was not included as we wanted to save some of the other "hot" numbers for future group shows. In any event, I look forward to your visit.

I hope that you enjoyed your trip to the Far East and as eager to hear about it. Of course I want to express my gratitude once again for your thoughtful and beautiful gift.

Sincerely yours,

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MRS. JOSHUA LOGAN 435 EAST 52ND STREET NEW YORK 22, N. Y.

December 6, 1965

Dear Mrs. Halpert:

You will recall that a year ago I purchased a Zorach sculpture and later returned it as it did not seem appropriate in my husband's study.

On March 17th I wrote you at the request of our accountants, asking that the amount of \$500 be returned so as to avoid carrying the item on our books.

I have been reminded that quite some time has gone by since I wrote you, and I have not yet heard from you. In the meantime, my husband has decided he does not want any more art, so will you please send me your check before the end of the year?

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Edith Halpert The Downtown Gallery 465 Park Avenue

New York City



#### Revised Outline: 3 November 1965

#### A REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: A FILM ON THE WAR IN VIETNAM

#### THE FILM:

We are planning a film on the war in Vietnam. It is to be directed largely at those who have been able to remain indifferent to the issue of United States involvement. If we can find financial support during the next several weeks, we hope to have the film completed within four months.

There has been growing need for a film that could not be shrugged off simply because of its extreme bias, that gives a tangible sense of the kind of war it is, that raises questions that could be pursued in subsequent discussions. Numerous groups have expressed the need for a film that not only contains much of the critical information, now, when it is increasingly difficult to find such information in the mass media, but also goes deeply into the conflicting biases and values that underlie the current U.S. debate on the war.

We don't think a film is the best place for intricate argument or polemics—at least if these are conveyed by the narration alone. We want, not a work of 'propaganda', which is almost useless now, but a film that sets out an encounter with all that we know about the war, and the American response to it, so as to create an event, a whole experience. We think we can make a film that in itself will be actively concerned with trying to understand the material it deals with—that is, that assumes the mixed feelings most Americans have about the war, and tries to force these to a point where they are crystallized. To be successful, the film must not just set out material to be looked at, but work with it, as a mind would.

The kind of film we are thinking of can startle, it can establish new connections, and perhaps it can throw things into a different framework. It can raise what are the crucial questions. It can offer a different way of seeing, and begin a broadening of the discussion. We think of some of the works that have done this: "The Spanish Earth", "Night and Fog", Bunuel's "Land Mithout Bread", Goya's "Disasters of the War."

We have already about one and one-half hours of film that has come out of Vietnam-some from the Buddhists, some from the NLF-brought to us by members of the Momens' Strike for Peace who returned from Indonesia. Two, Japanese documentaries on the war are available, as are five other films that are at present in the country. We have recently heard of a number of English documentaries, and are trying to find the contacts necessary to tap French film sources. We plan to use the best material from each of these films, and add to it United States newsreel and television footage.

In addition to this basic material, we plan to shoot interviews here. These might range from simple street-corner conversations, to returning soldiers, to those instrumental in policy making. We want to do at least two things with these interviews. Firstly, to take arguments and attitudes and responses that underlie U.S. actions, and set them off against the actual conditions of the war and the destruction of a country. Secondly, to contrast the U.S. way of seeing and understanding, with the Vietnamese terms of the war. The interviews are one way of beginning to examine the complexity of the American response. Until that attitude is understood and confronted for what it is, there is no possibility of altering it. But also, American testimony on the war is the most powerful to people inclined to mistrust all other sources of information. We want to investigate the effects of the war on men who have returned; we want to examine their view of the war, its effect on them.

One of the principle difficulties in raising discussion with people is that the cold war structures of thought have so conditioned them that they cannot grasp what is going on in Vietnam in terms that are relevant to Vietnamese. They do not think of people, but of communists, of "the cong." They don't see legitimate aspirations, indifferences, antipathies, but a plot—a vast number of people being manipulated. A brutal and ugly war is masked behind yulgar abstractions and rhetoric.

Mr. Marvin H. Hangock Jr., President Northpark National Bank of Dallas Northpark Center Dallas, Texas 75225

Dear Mr. Hencock!

Thank you so much for your letter.

Naturally I am very cleased with your response to the paintings which you now have hanging in your bank and am looking forward to hearing from you shortly regarding your final choice so that we may make out the invoice.

If it is convenient for you I should very much like to have a photograph or a snapshot of the paintings in place to show to the artists represented. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

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November 20, 1965

Mrs. Stanley Woodward 3009 E Street N.W. Washington, D.C. 20007

Dear Mrs. Woodward!

I regret the delay in the shipment of the O'Keeffe painting. This was occasioned by the fact that we wanted to obtain additional information as to its history and were obliged to wait for the special framing I thought you would like very much. (Incidentally, please remember to remove the tape from the outer edge of the metal frame. This is used as a precaution against scratching by the packers.)

When the backing was removed the framer found an inscription on the back of the panel which he copied, as you will note. This dates the picture definitely as 1926. In addition, the backing which appeared on it when we acquired it is being sent to you in view of the fact that all the history appears, including the names of the original owner and her heir. The handwriting is definitely that of Alfred Stieglits as is the label indicating that it was exhibited (#5 in the catalog) at An American Place. You will note that the title in the latter instance is YELLOW CALLA as opposed to the inscription on the panel, which refers to it as TWO CALLA LHLIES.

For your further information, O'Keeffe frequently showed her flower paintings in alternate positions - horisontally or vertically - and the choice in this matter will be yours.

I hope that you will enjoy this very handsome example of her work and I will certainly let you know when a large painting is available. I look forward to seeing you in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

EGH/tm

P.S. The painting will be shipped early in the week.

Mrs. Edith G. Halpert

November 30, 1965

to your foundation, the same as you were obligated to CGA. In that way, you preserve your right to stagger your charitable deductions in the event of CGA's default.

I am returning herewith the agreement and letters which you sent me.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

Frederick Baum

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Nevember 19, 1965

Abraham and Straus Picture Dept., 4th Floor 420 Fulton Street Brooklyn, New York

Attentions Mrs. Levy

Dear Mrs. Lavyt

On Monday, Movember 15th one of my employees left a \$20. deposit on a Stuart Davis reproduction in my name.

I am now enclosing a check for \$85, as the balance on this transaction and will appropriate it if delivery can be expedited in order that we may receive this at the earliest possible moment.

Many thanks for your courtesy and dooperation.

Sincerely yours,

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November 18, 1965

Mr. Norman S. Altman, Secretary The Woodward Foundation 1001 15th Street N. W. Washington, D. C. 20005

Dear Mr. Altmant

Thank you for your letter and shock for \$2000. on account for the Georgia O'Keeffe painting YELLOW CALLA.

We are very pleased that The Woodward Foundation will be acquiring this outstanding painting.

Sincerely yours,

Tracy Miller

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December 1, 1965

Mrs. Edith Halpert, Director The Downtown Gallery 465 Park Avenue New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Halpert:

I have just returned from Kauai, having lost a dear friend in Isami. As I indicated to you in my wire, fragments of information that I was able to get under trying circumstances are as follows:

Isami had gone to the hospital about 10 days ago which was not unusual from my experience, knowing Isami's frequency in going to the hospital because of his illness.

Apparently, on Sunday he fell down and fractured his pelvic bone as well as his ribs and his arm. I did not receive the telephone call until early evening. At that time it was my information that after two bottles of plasma he began to perk up.

Because of his changed condition, most of his family were permitted to go home. Blanche, however, stayed with him. After midnight he began to sink and by 1:30 he succumbed.

I only know that Isami received the kind of funeral he wanted and I am sure that he was prepared for his death as he looks so peaceful in his final resting place.

I have been named as the Executor of his Will and it is my duty to take an inventory of his Estate. I would appreciate it if you would be kind enough to send me a list of paintings which you now have in your possession with the wholesale value of those paintings as part of my expected inventory.

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MICHARD J. GONEALES HOUSTON, THEAR 48 Tile Way Brewber 4, 1965.

Dear mis Halpert:

Shortly after we returned from New york to Howston, almost two mouths ago, I sent a check for \$650 for the Tazini bronze "Bird" which we bought on our visit to the gallery on actaber 1. We had expected that some time would elapse before the shipment would arrive, but now we are concerned that something may brone hoppened in transit that would require inquiry of the shippers. We hope the price has not been lost in transit, and would be relieved to know that it is on the way and that we can expect delivery soon.

Loraine joins me in the Season's Greatings and best walks for the new year.

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100 Church Street

New York, New York

Telephone:

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Date:

November 24, 1965

To:Mr. Tracy Miller Downtown Gallery 465 Park Avenue New York, New York

#### SERVICE AUTHORIZED

This will confirm your request for one (1) uniformed unarmed guard to report to you at the Ritz Tower Hotel, Concourse Floor, 57th and Park Avenue, New York, New York, on Monday, November 29, 1965 at 4:30 PM and work until 7:00 PM. \_\_and later

Rate: \$3.00 per hour per guard assigned. A minimum of eight (8) hours per guard will be charged per day.

In addition, when indicated below charges shall be made for:

Expenses, as follows:

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Travel time, as follows: None

Service ordered in addition to the above will be rendered under the same terms and conditions. Bills payable upon presentation.

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CABLE ADDRESS

Mrs. Edith G. Halpert Downtown Gallery 465 Park Avenue New York, N.Y. 10022

Dear Mrs. Halpert:

I acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your check in the amount of \$200 in payment of the Association's invoice for annual dues.

Sincerely yours

Gilbert S. Edelson Assistant Secretary

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#### The Museum of Modern Art

11 West 53 Street, New York, N.Y. 10019 Circle 5-8900 Cable: Modernart

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December 6, 1965

Dear Miss Binghams

Mr. d'Harnoncourt has sent your letter of Movember 2 on to me. I would like to say how very happy I am personally that the Davis show will be sent to Europe.

We shall be glad to lend our large painting of 1930, EGG BEATER V. We sak that the United States Information Agency insure this work wall-to-wall for \$50,000 (fifty thousand dollars). We note that the exhibition will open abroad in January 1966 at the Musee d'Art Moderne, Paris, and then tour to the Amerika Haus Gallery, Berlin; the American Embassy Gallery, London; and the Stedlijk Museum, Amsterdam or the Boymans Museum, Rotterdam. Will you please let us know the exact dates of these showings, once they have been set?

LUCKY STRIKE is one of the most important imerican paintings in our collection and has been greatly missed during the six months it has been out touring with the Davis show. In spite of this we should have been glad to let it go with the Davis show to Europe, had our conservator approved. The painting is fragile and the presence of another painting on the back has prevented its being strengthened by liming. We therefore hope that instead of LUCKI STRIKE you can use the Baltimore Museum's BULL DURHAM of the same year for the European tour.

Your request for the lean of SALT SHARER should be addressed to Mrs. Edith Halpert. She has retained a life interest in the painting and has full control over it. We have sent the loan form to her, along with a copy of your letter.

We have forwarded your request for the drawings to Mr. William S. Lieberman, Gurator of Drawings and Prints in our Museum.

We enclose the completed loan form for EGG HEATER V. For photographs or any further information about reproductions, please

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November 26, 1965

Mr. C. Marvin Harwood Sr. 8227 Maryland Avenue St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Mr. Harwood!

Thank you for sending us a check for the Ben Shahn print and for returning the Rattner.

We have just received word from Budworth to the effect that your organisation will not pay the charges for the packing and shipping of the objects both ways. May I suggest that you refer to my letter of March 23rd, making it very clear that we cannot and will not send exhibits anywhere unless all the charges are assumed by the consignee. This also appears on our consignment invoice \$7873. You will also note that we allowed the 10% discount as agreed.

It is just this type of experience that has made it mecessary for us to discontinue sending any exhibits to institutions other than museums, universities and professional galleries. After all, there is no reason why an art gallery should assume any expenses for what may be considered purely educational work. Our small remaining commission on the \$125, barely pays the expense of all the correspondence entailed and the postage and I might say that this is the first instance in which there was any question about packing charges as well as the shipping costs.

I trust that you will send your check to W. S. Budworth and have this matter settled after this long period of correspondence dating back to Merch of this year. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

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Miss Edith Walpert

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November 19, 1965

by but one example each. I sincerely regret that this seems to have got so involved but will appreciate an early note from you clearing the details concerning the relief ALLEGHENY, which most certainly Harry Bertola did approve.

Sincerely,

Joseph T. Fraser, Jr. Director

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November 18, 1965

Mr. Marshall Lee Balance House R. D. 1 Flemington, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Lee:

Mrs. Helpert has asked me to acknowledge with thanks your letter of November 16th.

If you will telephone her during next week, she will be happy to set up an appointment to see you.

Sincerely yours,

Tracy Miller, Secretary to Mrs. Halpert



#### RICHARD G. LEAHY 517 HAMMOND STREET CHESTNUT HILL 67, MASSACHUSETTS

December 1, 1965

Mrs. Edith Gregor Halpert The Downtown Gallery 465 Park Avenue New York, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Halpert:

Thank you for the photograph of "Image 1929" which we received after our return from a quick Thanksgiving trip to the Vineyard. I just obtained copies of the photograph of our Dove, unfortunately with the signature in the lower right corner cut off, and as you see have enclosed two for your files. The dimensions of thoil are 18" by 21". The date on the still visible Stieglitz lable is given as 1929 and its title as "Landscape".

Regarding my interest in "Image 1929", although it was difficult, I have decided to pass up an opportunity to aquire this work. As you know from our previous conservations and correspondence, I would very much like to obtain an early Davis and another Sheeler of any sort. Since I am barely able to purchase even the few things that match my interests and are reasonable, I have decided to wait in hopesthat a Davis or Sheeler may eventually become available.

Thank you again for the time you spent with us the other week; I hope we will have a chance to drop in again in the early winter.

Sincerely yours,

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#### FRANK J. WINTON

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DETROIT 35, MICHIGAN

November 16, 1965

The Downtown Gallery 465 Park Avenue New York, N. Y. - 10022

Att:

Edith Halpert

Bear Edith:

Enclosed is my check for \$1,000.00. The balance now owing on the Max Webber is \$6,000.00.

It was very nice visiting with you.

Sincerely.

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November 19, 1965

Mr. Irving Cohen Comet Ray Letter Service 220 East 23rd Street New York, New York 10010

Deer Mr. Cohen:

The truck bearing our envelopes for the next mailing has had them on board for days but you should get them (1500) on Monday. Would you be good enough to run off our entire list and deliver the envelopes to us. We will then return what you are to mail for us together with the material to be stuffed.

Although we are closed on Mondays, one of us will be here if you have any questions and want to call.

Many thanks.

Sincerely yours,

Tracy Miller

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598 MADISON AVENUE

November 30, 1965

Mrs. Edith G. Halpert Downtown Gallery, Inc. 32 East 51st Street New York, N. Y.

Dear Edith:

Replying to your letter of November 26th, the following are my comments with respect to the new agreement which you sent me:

l. You said you wanted to have the right to retain possession of paintings which you had not previously transferred to CGA, and that you would, therefore, make gifts first of the paintings as to which you were not concerned about retaining possession. The new agreement, however, provides in paragraph 1 that you "further agree to loan such items if not contributed as are listed in Schedule B attached hereto and made a part hereof, from the date hereof until January 1, 1977." This means you are obligated to lend the untransferred items to CGA. The only modification as to this is in paragraph 6 where it is provided that you can retain custody until the items can be installed in the refurbished galleries. Hence, once CGA galleries are ready, you will no longer be entitled to possession of these untransferred items.

To remedy this, I suggest that there be stricken from paragraph 1 the latter portion beginning with the words: "and further agree to loan such items \* \* \*", and there be inserted the following sentence in place thereof:

"EGH will retain the right to possession of items in Schedule B attached hereto and made a part hereof which were not theretofore transferred by her to CGA, but she may lend the same to CGA prior to such transfer, in her sole discretion."

2. The first sentence of paragraph 2 states that EGH and DGI pledged to transfer the works of art in Schedule B to CGA. The prior agreement had been for DGI immediately to



# WORCESTER ART MŰSEUM 55 SALISBURY STREET WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

TELEPHONE 752-4678 CABLE ADDRESS: WORCART

November 29, 1965

Mrs. Edith Gregor Halpert, Director The Downtown Gallery 465 Park Avenue New York, New York 10022

Dear Edith:

Louisa Dresser and I have decided that the picture said to represent General Carrington and Family of Worcester, Massachusetts did not fit in with our collection.

You might be interested in Miss Dresser's report on the sitter.

"As I reported to you orally earlier the index of Worcester histories compiled by researchers under the WPA program reveals no mention of a General Carrington. The only person named Carrington is an Edward Carrington of Providence who conferred with Worcester men in connection with the Blackstone Canal.

The DAB gives no General Carrington associated with the War of 1812 but does mention a Henry Beebee Carrington, 1824-1912, a native of Wallingford, Connecticut, who was a general in the Civil War. I found no connection with Worcester."

With kind regards.

Sincerely,

Daniel Catton Rich

Director

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Hear Edith - Jam hoping take you me re-Covering nicely, and your operation in repairing well. You pain is still with you since I moderated It will take awhile but when the neview one a little relaxed the body stightly rested . and the person a little less lated gain is easier to take, and mending more possible. Please allow yourself time to get well. The pattern you have formed the last years of pushing your body - ? hope well be broken more and more with the Hallon responsibilien bound on lit. Please Two, try to unductand that the body tube just so much and no more ist for her very good to you. stor it some consideration, I turn it with meanure up to your needs if they are reasonable It is a day over a much since I left new Jak. Jam out in cleck while writing you. I still have henry elotte on fore there is a strong chilly wind. let the sun is some and comfuting. I have been in hed the full week I had a very bad cold, which me coming in before I left let I pushed to the bortegrand ; finally Took over with temperature I were pleased with the forest seclusion I am able to set my never in impliet solitude, menting in my own may. My physical needs were mit by the pleased personal of this ship. I slight, read and tid a little thinking, in had in my little catin and on lettle re-fueled. I am looking forward to a restful perseful trips that will put me in good johysisal

#### 16 Nov 1965

Commerce Trust Company Kensas City, Missouri Attn: Mr. Graham Porter

Dear Mr. Porter:

Below is a list of the Rattner paintings being shipped to you tomorrow via Budworth Art shippers. The priced consignment form together with the photographs will be sent to you tomorrow-including water media and drawings, which slee will be shipped tomorrow.

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- L. Lamentation, 1944
- 2. The Red Tapestry Chair, 1945
- 3. Farm Composition \$1, 1950
- 4. Portrait of Don Quiebote, 1950
- J 5. Old Shoes Arrangement #4, 1954
  - 6. Figures in Farmscape, 1955
  - 7. Sag Harbor #3, 1957
  - 8. Gargoyles VI, 1960
  - 9. Rocce del Capo, Sea Storm #3, 1961
- / 10. Six Million #4 (Sodom & Gomorrab), 1963
- 11. Happy Birthday Dear Esther, Emppy Birthday to You, 1963
- / 12. Comorrab #1, 1963
- 13. Into the Hight, Composition #3, 1963
- 14. The Clown, 1964 15. Nest Cotter, 1965

Sincerely yours,

Edith C. Halpert

PS: We have the photographs ready and are inclosing them with this letter.

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November 15, 1965

GEORGE 1. SAMANSKY Executive Director

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Miss Edith Halpert The Downtown Gallery 32 East 51st St. New York, N.Y.

Dear Miss Halpert:

I am sending this letter, as you requested when we spoke by telephone on November 10, to explain the proposal I would like you to discuss with Ben Shahn.

I am enclosing a description of the project, including a history of our successful 1964 venture.

Mr. Shahn may be interested to know that we are opening a new Jewish Community Center in the Spring; a goal toward which the community has been working for many years. This art project would coincide with the opening of this new era in our community life.

As I told you on the telephone, we want to keep the cost of this print within the reach of the majority of our community. We would therefore want to pay the artist about \$1,000, to allow sufficient money for printing, shipping, and expenses incidental to the sale.

I would appreciate your discussing this with Mr. Shahn and letting me know how he feels about it. I would be happy to one to "ew York to discuss this with you at your convenience.

Yours sincerely,

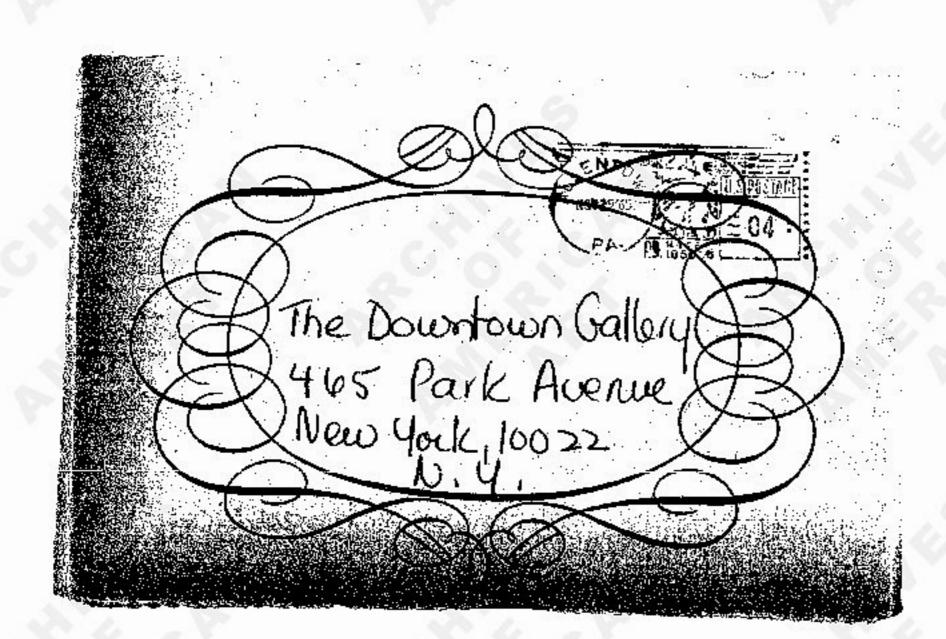
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November 12, 1965

Downtown Gallery 465 Park Avenue New York, N.Y.

Attention: Mrs. Edith Halpert

Dear Mrs. Halpert:

Pursuent to our telephone conversation of to-day's date, we deliver to you herewith the Early American Marry-Go-Round, received from Gump's, in San Francisco, on November 3rd, via Airborne, and found to be in damaged condition upon unpacking.

Mr. Gilbert Taylor, representative of Albert R. Lee & Co., of 90 John Street, has to-day made an examination for TWA. He has requested that prior to your having repairs made that an estimate be sent to him at 90 John Street, this city.

In the meantime, we shall hold the packing case.

You will note that we are sending a copy of this letter to Cump's, advising them of the situation, and our bill for unpacking and delivery to you will be rendered to them.

Faithfull yours,

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December 1, 1965

Mrs. Edith G. Halpert Downtown Gallery, Inc., Ritz Tower Hotel Park Avenue & 57th Street New York, N. Y.

Dear Edith:

There was one typographical error in my letter of November 30, 1965. In the third line up from the bottom of the first quotation, on page 4, the word "small" should have read "such".

Sincerely,

Frederick Baum

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November 13, 1965

Mr. John R. O'Kane Assistant to the President Gorham Corporation Providence, R. I. 02907

Dear Mr. O'Kane:

Please forgive me for having been so remiss in answering your letters.

I had hoved to see the two sculptors I had in mind long before, but in each instance their trip to New York was delayed. The artists I had in mind were Abbett Pattison and David Aronson. I feel that both would be ideal for the project and in each instance the artist expressed an interest in it when I discussed the matter by telephone.

Would you be good enough to send me an explicit outline of the business details so that I can pass them on more concretely. I am referring to the price for the actual drawing of the design and the making of the plaster model as well as the royalty on each cast made.

As soon as I obtain this information I will make sure that Pattison and Aronson will come to town to look at the photographs you left with me and discuss the matter collectively so that I can send on the information to you shortly after.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

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## GOLDEN WEST SAVINGS AND LOAM ASSOCIATION - 1832 FRANKLIN STREET, CAKLAND, CALLFORNIA BASIZ - TELEPHONE 451-3847

November 26, 1965

Mrs. Edith Gregor Halpert The Downtown Gallery 465 Park Avenue The Ritz Tower Concourse New York, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Halpert:

Several weeks ago I tried to contact you on two different occasions at your new gallery but was unsuccessful. You are not going to get away that easily, as I will be in New York on December 10 and will pay you a visit.

I am enclosing a folder on an exhibition that is presently being shown at the Maxwell Galleries. The artist, in my opinion, has considerable talent, and I have taken the liberty of suggesting your name to her. From time to time, I know it is your policy to take on new artists and perhaps you will have some interest in her. She has a number of slides available and can be contacted at 375 Columbus Avenue, San Francisco, California.

When I visit with you in New York, we can discuss the matter further.

Kindest regards,

Bernard A. Osher

Senior Vice President

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cc: Ms. Marilyn Rabinovich

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## GORHAM CORPORATION

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02907

November 23, 1965

Dear Mrs. Halpert:

I was delighted to receive your letter of November 13th advising that you had been in touch with sculptors: Abbott Pattison and David Aronson. We are enthusiastic about this project and we would like to get moving on it as soon as possible.

As we have no precedent for a project of this kind, it is difficult to be too explicit as to possible details. I can say at the outset that it is our desire to be more than fair to the sculptor so that he might be encouraged to not only take on the initial work but perhaps to take on additional commissions if our idea proves to be successful.

For purposes of discussion, do you think the following arrangement would be feasible?

We would pay the artist for his drawing and plaster model a price equal to top price which he has received in the past for another work with which it might be fairly compared. In addition, we would pay a royalty of an agreed upon price for each bronze memorial made from the model up to the agreed upon number which would be made before production would cease.

I realize the difficulty of trying to set a price by comparing two different works by the same artist but I feel sure that we can, by discussion, work out a mutually agreeable arrangement.

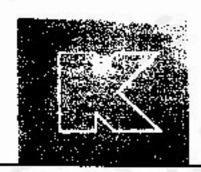
As to the number of memorials which would be made from a single model, we are again willing to discuss this. Hopefully, the artist would agree to a number of between 300 and 500 but there may be reasons why it would be mutually advantageous to have this number either more or less. We can limit distribution and sell in a number of ways but, ideally, the number should be large enough to satisfy the greatest number of our best customers and small enough to increase the desirability of the memorial because of its relative scarcity.

Why don't you convey this information to Messrs. Pattison and Aronson and perhaps you can arrange a meeting in New York where we can go into the matter and arrive at an agreement on details to our mutual satisfaction. In the meantime, I would appreciate it very much if you would send me some biographical details about these gentlemen.

Mrs. R. G. Halpert The Downtown Gallery 465 Park Ave. New York, N.Y. 10022 AND A

Sincerely yours,

Assistant to the President



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6 December 65 hame on your MAILING List to receive notice OF Current AND Figure Showing At your GALLORY -Doept my franks Dais Hitchenen P.S. Also, I wonder if you would mind sending a catalog to:

Dr. L.J.r. Wijsenbesk Gemmentemuseum's Gravenhage Postbu**ččei "C redmened** The Hague, Holland

Dr. David Scott, Director National Collection of Fine Arts Switheonian Institution Washington, D. C. 20560

Dear David:

I did not have an opportunity to thank you and Tirsa for your kind hospitality and warm reception. The dinner was excellent and most enjoyable.

The high point, of course, was the exhibition. The selection was brilliant and the overall impact absolutely tremendous. I have never heard so many favorable comments at any show prior to this occasion. I feel that this will become one of the outstanding historical and esthetic evants and congratulate you and your confreres for making this possible.

Despite the fact that, through the negligence of one of our employees, we have no reproductions in the catalog, it is a brilliant document. A propos, would you be good enough to have copies sent to the artists or their families. For your convenience I am listing their addresses below. And would it be possible for us to have some extra copies for our use?

Again, many thanks.

Sincerely yours,

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Mrs. Max Weber 11 Hartley Road Great Meck, N.Y.

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Mr. William Dove 12 Guilford Rd. Southport Port Washington, N. Y. Mrs. Catherine Spencer Brett School Dingman's Ferry, Pa.

Mr. William Zorach 276 Hicks St. Brooklyn. M.Y. Mr. H. Itoh, Director Callery Itoh Nikkel Building 2-7 Chome Ginsa Bishi Chuc-ke Tokyo Japan

Dear Mr. Itoh:

I am so sorry that my previous letter had not reached you. In the latter I advised you that because Ben Shahn has denvoted a good part of the past two years to the execution of huge commissions, such as stained-glass windows, mosaic murals, and tapestries, very few easel pictures saids from the original designs for the commissions have been produced. Furthermore, very few of his previous works other than prints (which are made quantitatively) are available.

Under these circumstances, it would be necessary to borrow from museums and private collectors, involving tremendous additional expense in the way of individual crating and shipping from various parts of the country. Furthermore, it would give you very little opportunity to get sufficient returns in the way of sales commissions to warrant this great expenditure. Therefore, I suggested that we postpone the exhibition for at least six months, when I hope he will have completed his commitments and will have had enough opportunity to produce easel paintings, drawings and additional prints. You may rest assured that I will communicate with you as soon as I can commit the artist and myself to a specific time. You will hear from we as soon as I have good news in this connection.

Thank you for your patience.

Sincerely yours.

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December 7, 1965

Mr. Richard J. Consales 48 Tiel Way Houston, Texas

Dear Richard:

I was rather startled upon receipt of your letter of December the 4th.

Immediately after you left my attention was called to the fact that the Tajiri bronze had been sold some months ago to someone who did not want to accept delivery until after the first of the year, when he planned to present it to a museum. Since it was on view I had forgotten this entirely, particularly in view of the fact that a recent concussion occurred when a metal ladder slipped and struck my head causing these memory gaps which have created a number of very embarrassing situations.

This was explained in a letter I sent you immediately after all the previous details were called to my attention. Your check was enclosed with the explanatory letter.

I cannot tell you how much I regret this incident, particularly at a time when I was so delighted that you made a purchase from us after a long gap of many years. It was so nice to see you and Loraine and I hope that this will not discourage future visits. Again, my regrets.

Sincerely yours,

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will have to oretoone such ideas until a future respite.

My yory best regards.

Sincerely yours,

November 12, 1965

Mr. E. R. Hunter, Director Norton Callery and School of Art West Palm Beach, Florida 33401

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Dear Bob:

I received your letter in the same mail as that of Charlie Buckley, who like you, baid me the first visit in our new quarters - during a week when so many of the museum personnel were in New York. If I had not been in a state of complete exhaustion I would have had a big museum party in the manner of 57th Street, but actually it was much more fun to see you one at a time and in your case it is indeed a rare treat.

I will answer your questions consecutively.

- 1. Just to tease you, we have three paintings available by Demuth at the present time as I decided to release two I had carefully tucked away. Photographs of these will be sent to you. One is still in London as part of an exhibition we sent to the Leicester Celleries in July with many items marked N.F.S. As a matter of fact, the first painting they sold was a small Demuth.
- 2. The Feininger oil leaning against the office well is being sent to the warehouse, where all my gift pictures are stored until I am ready to give them up in the fairly near future.
- 3. The Max Weber mainting NEW YORK, 1914 has just been shipped to the Smithsonian Institution together with about 30 or more other paintings for an exhibition which will open there on December 1st. The title is ROOTS OF ABSTRACT ART IN AMERICA. However, this too was marked N.F.S. as it has been these many years, although I have finally induced Joy Weber, the artist's daughter, to in turn induce her mother to release NEW YORK, which Weber had withheld from sale during all the years I have known him. The price on this extraordinary "root" is \$15,000.
  - 4. As there are only four unsold Kuniyoshis of importance extant, I can hardly avoid tentalizing my friends, but to show you how good a pal I am, I will send you a photograph of a painting which will tentalize you even more. In any event, you will find some pictures to play with during your idle moments, but I would appreciate having these returned after they have served their purpose with you.

In this weary state I would love nothing more than flying down to Palm Beach, which holds most pleasant memories for me. But there is no one I can leave to watch the store at the present time and consequently I

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Mrs. Edith Halpert, The Downtown Gallery, 465 Park Avenue 57th. Street, The Ritz Tower Concourse, New York. N.Y..

Dear Edith,

Frederik Ottesen has read your letter to him and I want to tell you how sorry I am to hear that you haven't been well. I hope by now you are well recovered and back into fine form.

We are continuing Ottemens' show until the 4th. December as it has been so well received. We are all extremely pleased as his work shows a remarkable maturity and depth. As soon as all the reviews are in I will forward a copy of each to you.

When I was in New York last spring, your secretary promised to send me a list of Ottesens work remaining on consignment plus a list of the work which has been sold. I need this information badly as we ourselves are hounded by the French customs and Exchange Office.

In view of the fact that a year has passed since we showed Rattner and that where I was In New York you invited me to sleep im your bathroom during Ottesens show, I have pushed Ottesen to be prepared to show in March or the begining of April at the latest.

I can assure you that he is quite prepared now to show at that date or even sooner. If you feel that this is quite impossible I believe it only fair to him that we accept other offers concerning this exhibition in view of his precarious finicial situation. But my husban d and I both feel that it is only a logical conclusion for an American painter to show in his own country before venturing far afield.

The situation in France is still very had and in spite of this we sold ... him beyond our expectations.

I think it would be unwise to parcel out pieces of Ottesens show which has been prepared. However we have in storage in New York several of Ottesens paintings of a few years back and can have these sent to you if you so desire.

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## SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION NATIONAL COLLECTION OF FINE ARTS

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20580 COMBITTUTION AYENUE AT TENTH STREET

November 15, 1965

Mrs. Edith G. Halpert, Director The Downtown Gallery 465 - Park Avenue New York, New York

Dear Edith:

As Don has told you, our Exhibits Committee was planning to meet. It did...and quite a session it was! We mapped out a really tremendous program for the next two years. The flurry of activity which naturally resulted from such a concentrated decision-making session has made me postpone telling of the Committee's proposals concerning your Folk Art and the Sheeler exhibitions until now.

First of all... The Edith Gregor Halpert Collection of American Folk Art. The National Collection would like to present your collection in its Art Hall from approximately April 15 to June 1, 1967. I think we have all been talking in terms of an earlier date than that but serious attention to scheduling changed our minds. The Smithsonian's Cultural History department recently acquired a folk art collection which seems to consist primarily of carousel figures. They have given it a department store installation complete with sound effects and concentrated publicity. This will remain a "special exhibit" into the new year. We feel a substantial margin of time should be allowed to let the image of that show fade so that your superior collection can be justly appreciated.

When we began to discuss the exhibit program in hard realistic terms rather than from wishful thinking, we felt it necessary that the Sheeler retrospective be at a later date. We had been thinking of greeting the coming spring as we did the last.. with a smashing exhibit of a classic 20th century American but realized we could not do Sheeler justice in this short a time. We would like to plan on a big Sheeler show being one of our first in the Patent Office Building. We feel fairly secure in saying that

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whatever we do there in the first year - 1968 - will receive particularly strong attention.

We all look forward to hearing your reaction to these two scheduling proposals - and to your being here on December 1st for the opening of our "Roots of Abstract Art in America. 1910 - 1930." Again: you know you have a home at my place if you will stay there.

Sincerely,

Harry Lowe

Curator of Exhibits

cc: Dr. Scott

### Paul K. Watabe #8 DOGEN-CHO NAKANO-KU

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The following is a complete data of Euniyoski Exhibition after my investigation made on Hovember 27th, 1965 at the Hibonbashi Gallery and may be of your help as a reference.

Your original invoice dated
April 13, 1965 shows............. 55 pieces \$39,875

Sales report dated August 12
from #lhonbashi to Downtown
should be wrong and be replaced
with this figure(See Attached) ..... 16 pieces \$11,225

When you sent a letter of October 15th to the Mihonbashi, they answered you in the letter of October 29th saying that those 4 pieces of lithographs were sold after August 12th but one pencil drawing "Before the Act 1932" was definitely returned to you with the involve dated Sept.

3rd. Accordingly the Mihonbashi Gallery should have sent you the corrected sales report when those four more lithographs were sold.

When you wrote to Kojima again on November 2nd regarding the pencil drawing "Study for the Last Act" they failed to enclose the confirmation of Nippon Express Company whose broker, Penson in New York saying "Every painting was handed to consigner without trouble."

If your final report through Budworth still shows that the drawing is still missing, this must be compensated immediately. However the final report of Sippon Express through their broker, Penson shows that all works described in the invoice dated September 3rd were handed to you. If the further investigation on this contradicted matter gets cleared, this problem becomes settled. Please do investigate on this matter again.

is a conclusion, I have to tell you Hiss Halpert that everything depends on Injima's sincerety as far as this relatitance is concerned. Of course I keep pushing him to do so as soon as possible.

With my wary best.

By the way, I open my own selling "Hallery Paul" on Decama 20th 1965.

Paul & Autito

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November 13, 1965

Dr. Richard Schoenfeld 915 19th Street. N.W. Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Dr. Schoenfeld:

Thank you for your letter.

Much as I would like to be of assistance to you, we specialize exclusively in American art and, while I admire the artists you mention, I am afraid I could be of very little help to you. The names of the painters and sculptors on our roster appear at the foot of our letterhead. Incidentally, a number of the "ald masters" in the group will be very well represented in the forthcoming exhibition at the Smithsonian Institution, which opens on December 1st. You might find it of interest to see what important art was being produced in this country during the early period of the vital modern movement and if any of our artists should interest you, don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

Sincerely yours,

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Mrs. Edith G. Halpert 465 Park Avenue New York, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Halpert:

We wish to acknowledge the receipt of your check in the amount of \$46.15.

Our Invoice #362, dated August 31, 1965 - Order #395 covering the installation of one Master Bedroom window amounted to \$171.15, leaving a balance of \$125.00 still due us.

May we have your remittance, by return mail, so that we may close our files on this matter.

Thank you for your early attention to the above request.

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December 7, 1965

Mr. Edward Burns Marshall Field, Room 700 401 North Wabash Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Mr. Burns:

If you will be good enough to refer to the original invoice dated April 22nd, you will find that the price for the two paintings, including restoration, amounted to \$10,000. Please consider this letter a receipt for your check #354 in the amount of \$1000. We trust that the balance will follow shortly.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours very truly,

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P.S. Please have subsequent checks made payable to the American Folk Art Gallery rather than the Downtown Gallery. Thank you.

P. S. I did not forget the Davis print. However, in the moving, many of the print boxes were sent to storage and we have not had an opportunity to make a search there. It will be coming through in the near future.

November 26, 1965

Mr. Charles E. Buckley, Director City Art Museum of St. Louis St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Charles!

Your Board was very smart as the news has gotten around about the Smithsonian exhibition which is really making a feature of Pove's work and we have been practically deluged by the Eastern museums, where the rumor must have started, and have already sold four Doves in the interim. Now we have to stop as all the others, with few exceptions, are in Washington at present and we must hoard them for the future. I did mention to you that early examples, as well as some of the later ones, are all marked "M" indicating that they are not for sale to individuals. I am telling you all this so that you can pass on the word that your judgment and your timing were both perfect and from the Trustees' point of view more so since all the prices have been reised by the estate as a result of this concentration of activity.

This, however, has nothing to do with our charge to you. Please note that the consignment invoice we sent you when the pictures were shipped indicates very clearly that the prices on the Marin and the Dove are net. And so, I am enclosing our invoice at the figure listed. Obviously, you knew all this, but I thought I would send you this lengthy explanation just the same.

I have been reading with interest about the great civic development and the manual consistence Searings arch together with the many changes that have already taken place and will continue. I also read about the million dollar National Palace Museum which has just opened in China and noted also that 80% of that sum was donated by the U.S. If we can send \$800,000, to an enemy country for a museum, how about St. Louis applying for at least a similar grant?

I hope that you will have an opportunity to see the AMERICAN ROOTS exhibition at the Smithsonian Institution which opens on Becember 1st. Because of an alling employee who forgot to send in the usual forms and all our photographs, we barely made the listing in the catalog and have no reproductions whatsoever in this important document. But I am sure you will be even more delighted with your choice of a Bove when you see the exhibition. However, there are a good many other artists you will have to catch up on and I can assure you that we will cooperate with you as always. My very best regards.

As ever.

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24 November 1965

Edith Halpert Downtown Gallery 465 Park (Ritz Concourse) New York, New York

Dear Edith:

I intend to be in New York from the 2nd through the 8th of December for many reasons. The first of these is that I am planning a modest exhibit of the work of John Marin and Marsden Hartley. I hope that I may have the opportunity to discuss the Marin show with you especially if you have some paintings you would be able to lend to this exhibit. As it now stands, the show is scheduled for February 12th through March 2, 1966. I am planning to do a catalogue and, as you know, time is quite short.

I will call you upon my arrival. In the me antime, if you can think of any collectors or museums who have outstanding Marin works, I would certainly appreciate having a list to work with after I see you.

Sincerely,

Donald J. Brewer, Director

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Mr. Samuel Wagstaff, Curator Wadsworth Atheneum 25 Athaneum Square North Hartford, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Wagstaffi

The Dove A WALK POPLARS arrived today. Many thanks for your kindness and cooperation in arranging for this so promptly.

We are very grateful.

Sincerely yours,

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Movember 11, 1965

Mins Jan I. Keene Allem Memorial Art Museum Oberlin Gollege Oberlin, Ohio

Dear Miss Keene:

Please forgive the long delay in answering your letter. Mrs. Halpert has not been well following an accident here in the Gallery and I have been short-handed. This is offered in explanation of the fact that, as a commercial gallery we do not have the research staff that a museum has and I have been obliged to stop taking photograph orders with the resultant billings, etc. I hope you will understand.

I am emclosing biographical notes on Arthur Nove and the bibliography is fairly complete.

Sincerely yours,

Tracy Miller, Secretary to Mrs. Halpert The Corcoran Gallery of Art Washington, D.C. 20006

HERMANN WARNER WILLIAMS, JR. DIRECTOR AND SECRETARY

METHOPOLITAN 8-32H

November 23, 1965

Mrs. Edith Gregor Halpert The Downtown Gallery The Ritz Tower Hotel Park Avenue & 57th Street New York, New York

Dear Edith:

I hope I am not being too much of a worrier, but it is a month today since our last Board meeting on October 25, and almost the end of the month of November, during which the Trustees hoped to have things signed, sealed and delivered.

Last night I got to worrying again about the passage of time and thought of all the possible situations which might arise on our end. For example, suppose, as sometimes has happened, that Mr. Hamilton has to go to the West Coast on legal business the middle of December and doesn't get back until the first of the year. So far as I know he is not going, but he does have several important clients on the West Coast and this could happen. As the Gallery's Counsel and President the Trustees wouldn't act without him and it might be nip and tuck to get the agreement properly signed before the end of the calendar year.

You may think I am being overly cautious, but I don't want anything to go wrong--and as we both know, even simple things always take far longer than one anticipates.

So--Edith, dear--please don't leave things until the last minute.

I know all the problems you have, but on the principle of first things first-see if you can't manage to get the legal work in progress soon. I will be able to sleep without a constant worry, that some unexpected event might upset our plans. And I hope you too will be easier in your mind.

Affectionately,

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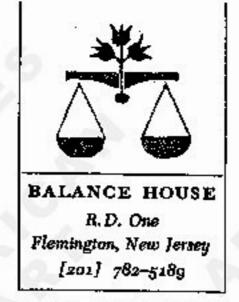
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Nov. 16th, 1965

Wiss Edith Halpert Downtown Gallery 465 Park Ave. New York, N.Y.

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Dear Miss Halpert,

I have been discussing a book project with Ben Shahn and there is an aspect of it on which I would like your advice. May I have a few moments with you?

Very truly yours,

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Dec. 2, 1965

Mrs. Edith Gregor Halpert Downtown Gallery 465 Park Avenue New York, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Halpert:

As you know, the exhibition "20th Century Painting and Sculpture from Connecticut Collections" closes on Sunday, December 5, 1965.

We are planning to return the New York area loans on Tuesday, December 7th. If for any reason this is not convenient for you, please phone the Museum on Monday, December 6th, before 3 p.m., collect.

Thank you for co-operating in making this exhibition a success.

Sincerely yours,

Mayorie L. Elles

Marjorie L. Ellis Registrar

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by John Marin (water color and collage)
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November 23, 1965

Shorewood Publishers 724 Fifth Avenue New York, New York

Contlemen:

Would you please send us one copy of NEW YORK: THE CITY AS SEEN BY MASTERS OF ART AND LITERATURE, edited by John Cordon and L. Rust Hills, and bill us less our usual Book Sales Department discount.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely yours,

Tracy Miller, Secretary to Mrs. Halpert

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November 19, 1965

Miss Edith Halpert Downtown Gallery 32 E. 51st St., New York 22, N.Y.

Dear Edith:

We have received your form with the record of invitations of paintings to be included in our lolst Annual as selected by Jack Levine.

Your Secretary has very kindly given us the information so that we can write to DesMoines in the hope that we may get the Ben Shahn. The notes which I made on the day of our visit did not record this detail, but we are certainly anxious to have Shahn included and I will write at once.

There is, however, a mistake in your records. I left you six cards of invitation to cover the work of Rattner, Doi, Morris, Tseng-Yo-Ho, Broderson and Shahn. I had made a record of the Stasack titled RESURRECTION 1963, but Jack Levine had not indicated his invitation approval for that picture. The sixth card would have been normally used for the Shahn. I will call this matter to Jack's attention and will be guided by his decision should he wish to add the Stasack. I will send an additional card of invitation to Des Moines so that if we are fortunate in borrowing that picture it will come to us with full information.

Subsequent to my visit with Jack Levine, I came again to the Gallery with Harry Bertoia as we were searching for sculpture. It was his pleasure to invite two items from your Gallery, the Zorach TORSO 1963 (Marble) and an additional one by Abbott Pattison titled ALLEGHENY which was in the nature of a relief. A handwritten note from you on the picture list asks if we understand that we must write to the Whitney for this. Again, I have no such notation. Would this indicate that this is an item which is owned by the Whitney and are we asking to borrow it from their permanent collection? I know that their Annual Exhibition conflicts with ours so that if it is a picture which they have borrowed from your Gallery, it will therefore not be free to come to us. This particular problem is more complicated in that Abbott Pattison cooperated with our organizational plan of this year by sending slides of free standing sculpture, one of which the preliminary jury has asked him to send for viewing by the whole jury. I trust, then, that it is evident to you that if we can expect to have the relief we should certainly not put Pattison to the trouble and expense of sending another piece to the jury when any one artist will be represented

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December 2, 1965

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STUART 5. PALMER OFFICE MANAGER

Mrs. Edith Gregor Halpert The Downtown Gallery 32 East 51st Street New York 22, New York

Dear Mrs. Halpert:

We have received no response to our letter to you of November 2, 1965, in spite of the fact that we were lead to believe at the time that a prompt decision concerning financial arrangements for the casts was of great importance. We find it inexcusable that there should be no one at the Gallery who is able to communicate concerning the affairs of a sculptor handled by the Gallery. Further, it strikes us as being most unusual to report the sale of an item, as you did in your letter to Mrs. Booz of November 13, without any reference whatever to the price at which the item was sold.

It should be obvious that both we and Mrs. Booz are most distressed at the manner in which the accountings of Storrs Sculpture sales have been handled. May we look forward to early receipt of a complete account and of a reply to our letter of November second.

Yours very truly,

WILSON & MCILVAINE

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cc: Mrs. Storrs Booz

November 22, 1965

Hiss Marta Basave Apertado Postal 968 Mexico 1, D.F.

Dear Mas Bassve!

Thank you for your letter.

I regret that we did not publish a catalog of our exhibition AMERICAN MODERN MASTERS, but am enclosing a list of the show and will of course place your institution on our mailing list to receive all future announcements and catalogs.

Sincerely yours.

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F. S. I did not forget the Davis print. However, in the moving, many of the print boxes were sent to storage and we have not had an opporionity to make a search there. It will be coming through in the hadr fature. or to publishing extrements regarding sales transactions, ourthers are responsible for obtaining written permission in both artist and purchases involved. If it cannot be ablished after a reasonable search whether an artist or rabuser is living, it can be assumed that the information y be published for years after the data of talk-

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December 7, 1965

Mr. William Lane Holman Street Lumenberg, Massachusette

Dear Bill:

Between the ghastly experience of the physical move from flat Street and the reconstruction period which followed added to a second accident incurred, I have been in a state of flux and refrained from all social activities. I knew I was a bore with my clinical reports and complaints about workmen, etc. and decided to keep out of everyone's hair. This explains my long silence as I didn't want to impose myself on you and Saundy, two of my most beloved friends.

I have just made arrangements for the operation which I have been postponing until such time as the Gallery is functioning normally and hope
to get the much-needed rest and treatment so that I can get back to socalled mormalcy. I am signing the Cordoran Deed of Gift this week and
recalled that I never acknowledged your wonderful letter of October 11th.
You will receive a formal letter from the Foundation. Of course, this
Sheeler will be added to my collection, which needs it desperately and
I hope that from time to time I can make some additions now that Musya
has found some paintings which have been hidden for a long period. When
the estate is settled this can be attended to.

Yes we have the Weber, CARD PLAYERS, and now that Mrs. Weber has released some of the other early pictures, I feel that it will be honorable for me to buy it and perhaps add it to the collection. When I return from the hospital I will take care of this matter and hope that Saundy and you will come to New York so that we can have a gay celebration. Meanwhile, my best wishes for a very, very happy Christmas and New York.

Love.

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November 16, 1965

Mr. Lynwood D. Sinnamon Jr. 7370 Lee Highway, Apt. 103 Falls Church, Virginia 22046

Dear Mr. Sinnamon:

Thank you for your letter.

Indeed we are the agents for the work of Ben Shahn and have an excellent cross-section of his silk-screens here at the Gallery.

If you plan to be in New York at any time in the near future I hope you will pay us a visit and give us an opportunity to show you these prints.

Sincerely yours,

Tracy Miller



### BORIS MIRSKI GALLERY

November 18, 1964

The Downtown Gallery 32 East 51 Street New York, N.Y.

The following works have been shipped today by Boston Truck Company:

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November 19, 1965

Mrs. Edith G. Halpert The Downtown Gallery 465 Park Avenue New York, New York

Dear Edith:

Just a brief note to report that at yesterday's Board meeting it was voted to acquire Out the Window, a painting in oil by Arthur G. Dove at a price of \$5500 which, I understand, was net to the Museum. When you have a chance, I would appreciate receiving your bill which we will put through our Business Office as rapidly as possible.

Needless to say, I am delighted to see this fine picture enter our collections.

My very best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Charles E. Buckley

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Mr. Telichi Hijikata, Director Museum of Modern Art, Kamakura Kamakura-shi, Japan

Dear Mr. Hijikata:

I am sorry to be so late in my reply, but I have been waiting for an opportunity to discuss the subject of a Shahn exhibition with the artist, who has been so preoccupied that he could not get to town for this purpose.

We both feel strongly that such an exhibition should take place but that there would have to be a considerable postponement of all such arrangements because there is very little of Shahm's work available at the present time unless the Kamakura Museum is willing to assume greatly added expense which would be involved in borrowing works of art from many of the museums in the U.S. as well as the private collectors. During the past two years Shahn has been involved in a number of major commissions, including stained-glass windows, designs for tapes tries and for mosaic murals. Being a perfectionist, he insists on supervising the actual execution in the selected media - a time-involving process. Consequently, he has delivered very few easel paintings, drawings and graphics during this period and there is very little to be offered for sale. While the latter is not as vital, I feel that the expense of borrowing from a great many individual institutions and collectors will reach very high proportions.

If you are willing to wait until late Spring, we hope we will be ready to cooperate with you as we are eager to do.

Also, the idea of sending a show of this type on a tour to so many other museums would be awkward under any circumstances, because lenders would object seriously to the absence of these works from their walls. I am sure you can understand. If the circuit can be reduced to a maximum of three museums it might be more feasible. In closing I want to express my appreciation for your interest and also our desire to cooperate with you.

Sincerely yours,

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Notice of the Shaker exhibition at the Museum of Early American Folk Arts appeared in ART NEWS, ANTIQUES, MUSEUM NEWS, CUE, and in all the leading New York papers. Brief descriptions of the show appeared four times each in THE NEW YORKER, and TIME, and on one minute spots over WQXR.

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December 5, 1965

Mrs. Edith Gregor Halpert 465 Park Avenue New York 22, New York

Dear Edith:

I hope this letter finds you in good recovery. I was sorry to hear that you were going into the hospital.

FREDERICK DOUGLASS INSTITUTE

Last night's show at the Smithsonian was a tribute to you far more than most people realize. But I saw not only your paintings but your influence throughout. It was one of the most interesting exhibitions I have seen in a long time and one which was of great educational value. There was also a unique atmosphere of happiness at the opening, genuine good feeling and joy on the part of the people which must have been engendered by a combination of the paintings themselves and the whole set up of the galleries there. It represented the kind of national collection, which I know you always wanted.

I realize how many demands are placed upon you and am aware of the priorities for your time and energy, but I have continued to wish that you could come and see our Museum because you have provided so much of the inspiration and initial guidance for it. It literally grew out of the influences which you had upon me when I first came back to America. It has been difficult for me to move into this whole museum field as a non-professional in it and yet I think we have accomplished something which is worthwhile and which has an important potential in so many areas, including that of education in modern art. (Incidentally, I was successful in obtaining a copy of Urformen der Kunst which you once suggested I find. It is a fascinat-

We will be opening a six-month loan show of 70 pieces of traditional sculpture from the Peabody Museum at Harvard in January and on February 17th, which is Frederick Douglass' birthday, we will be dedicating the building with a special commemorative plaque donated by the Capitol Hill Restoration Society. We hope the President might be persuaded (by Vice President Humphrey) to participate in the ceremony, since the date falls during Negro History Week, a good time for the President to make a public statement on the contribution of the Negro peoples. By then we will have opened the second half of our building which we have now acquired -- on a very provisional basis, however, as we have practically no funds to work with. We will be adding two more galleries on the ground floor and will paint and landscape the exterior.

I hope that you will be well again soon, that I may have an early occasion to talk with you in New York and that you can plan a specific visit to the Museum soon. With very best wishes,

> Sincerely, barne Warren M. Robbins

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November 20, 1965

Mr. Donald McClelland National Collection of Fine Arts Smithsonian Institution Washington, D. C. 20560

Dear Dont

The other day I sent a bill for the photographs we supplied for the ROOTS exhibition, but did not direct it to the attention of anyone specific. Subsequently I was informed by Mrs. Halpert that the bill we had sent for photographs for the Davis show was never processed and I wonder if you can give me the name of someone or some department to whom these things should be addressed.

I will appreciate hearing from you if you can guide me on this. Sorry to be a maisance.

Sincerely yours.

Tracy Miller

CURTIS M. HUTCHINS NEW YORK CITY, 10017

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December 6, 1965

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Gentlemen:

I would confirm the purchase from you on Saturday last of a Zorach sculpture "Sea Pigeon" for \$750; and also an oil by Marin of 'Marin Island" for \$3,500.

We agreed that the Marin needed a different frame and cleaning. Do I assume that you will attend to this? We would like both of the items sent to Bangor, Maine, to our home at 300 Kenduskeag Avenue.

If there is a delay in the Marin on account of the cleaning and framing, we would appreciate your sending the Zorach forthwith so that we might have it next week which will be the only time we will be home for some time.

I enclose herewith our check for \$4,250, against which we would like two receipts for insurance purposes.

I will be out of the City for most of the week, but either I or my secretary, Miss Porter, will call you in confirmation of these transactions on Tuesday.

Sincerely,

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The Downtown Gallery 32 East 51 Street New York, New York

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November 23, 1965

Edith Gregor Halpert Director The Downtown Gallery 465 Park Avenue New York, New York 10022

Dear Miss Halpert:

Thank you for you information on the forged Ben Shahn I wrote you about a month or so ago. I returned it to Paul Kantor.

I am interested in acquiring an authentic Shahn signed lithograph or drawing if the price range is feasible. Will you send me information on what you might have available under \$200.00? I am not particularly interested in Shahn's calligraphy.

I would like to have it before Christmas, so I would appreciate a prompt reply.

Best regards,

Ben Norman

BN: jf

6063 Sunset Boulevard - Hollywood, California 90028 Dial 469-7311 November 20, 1965

Mr. Henry L. Renel 28 West Adams Detroit, Michigan 48226

Dear Mr. Renel:

I regret that we can give you little information on C.L. Lewin. The painting to which you refer, GIRL WITH BIRD (Dated 1850) was purchased by us in Philadelphia in 1941. It was exhibited widely and was reproduced in "Pictorial Folk Art" by Ford, published in 1949 (page 97). Perhaps if you can locate a copy of this you will find more information there.

Sincerely yours,

Tracy Miller, Secretary to Mrs. Halpert rior to publishing information regarding sales transactions, escarchers are responsible for obtaining written permission from both artist and purchaser involved. If it cannot be stablished after a reasonable search whether an artist or surchaser is living, it can be setumed that the information may be published 60 years after the date of sale.

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P.S. Also, I wonder if you would mind sending a catalog to:

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November 22, 1965

Mr. Paul X. Watabe #9 Digen-cho Makano-ku Tokyo, Japan

Dear Mr. Watabet

Thank you for your letter. Of course I was deeply disturbed that you are no longer with the Mihombashi Gallery as my main reason for sending the Kuniyoshi exhibition to Tokyo was your association with this organization.

As you mention, I too regret deeply that we have received no remittance for the kuniyoshi paintings and I am having tremendous difficulty in explaining this to Mrs. Kuniyoshi, to whom I had originally reported that all payments would be made the latter part of August and certainly not later than September. I have written a good many letters but these have been of no avail and I am in a terrible quandary at the moment as to what action to take in this unusual situation. Perhaps you can make a suggestion of some method which will not be embarrassing to anyone involved. As you can realise I have a responsibility to the estate, which I have to fulfill immediately. Furthermore, several of the items were missing and reported to us by the Customs and the packers who opened the crate in the presence of the former. Both sent me the identical report and finally Budworth, who picked up the pictures for delivery to us, also had exactly the same record, showing the absence of these drewings and prints.

Needless to say, I would be most grateful for your cooperation in advising me as to what should be done in this very serious matter. Any publicity would be very damaging not only to the Nihenbashi Gallery but to all the other galleries and institutions in Tokyo, thereby discouraging all further exhibition activities between the two countries.

Of course you can depend on me to assist you in your new project and if you will let me know how I can be of help to you, I will certainly respond promotly.

I look forward to word from you. My best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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November 17, 1965

Mr. Tracy Miller
The Downtown Gallery
465 Park Avenue
New York, N. Y. 10022

Dear Tracy:

NICHT CITY will be hung at our home. We found a wall large enough for it. Send it to:

1119 Hilltop Drive Lafayette, California 94549

Any ideas on how to get our other Stasack, GETTING CLOSER, signed? And the frame straightened?

We would be delighted to meet your father while he is out here and show him around our association. Incidentally, we are not a "bank," but a savings and loan association. I am sure your father will understand the difference, but maybe he will want to visit us any way.

The current issue of "Artforum" has a number of Bowntown Gallery artists, such as Davis, Demuth, O'Keefe, and Marin. However, the boors make no mention of the Downtown Gallery.

Our best to Edith.

Sincerely,

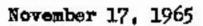
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Downtown Gallery, Incorporated 465 Park Avenue New York 22, New York

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find our check for \$585.00 to cover the cost of the painting "Gargoyles Study" by Abraham Rattner which was purchased at our recent Art Festival.

Thank you for your cooperation and we look forward to working with you again in the future.

Sincerely yours,

Betty Ratner (Mrs. Max Ratner)

Chairman

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Tuesdays November 16th

The Downtown Gallery 465 Park Avenue at 57th Street New York, New York 10022

Gentlemens

Could you please tell me if your annual Christmas show will be open on December 4th.

Many thanks.

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Richard Landy 128 Chestnut Street Boston

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# CHARLES H. MacNIDER MUSEUM

MASON CITY, 10WA 50401 RICHARD E. LEET, DIRECTOR AND RESIDENT ARTIST NOVEMBER 30, 1965

Tracy Miller
The Downtown Gallery
465 Park Avenue
New York, N. Y. 10022

Dear Mr. Miller:

Thank you for your letter of November 20th and your offer of assistance.

The painting was a gift from Mr. Donald Winston, Los Angeles, California. Mr. Winston called it THE CLAY CART but on inspection I find the tag on the back says CLAY WAGON, 20 X 28, oil on canvas, 1935.

If it would be of any further assistance Mr. Winston indicated he purchased the painting in England.

Very truly yours.

Frank R. Jeffrey

Treasurer

FRJ:far

November 12, 1965

Mrs. Norman Waters Skibo Lane Mamaroneck, New York

Dear Mrs. Waters:

As I mentioned when you were in the Gallery yesterday we have had so many requests for losns for exhibitions that it is now really impossible for us to accede to any more.

I regret that we are unable to cooperate with you in this instance and hope that we will be able to do so at some future time.

Sincerely yours,

Tracy Miller

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December 1, 1965

Mrs. Edith Halpert The Downtown Gallery Ritz Tower Hotel New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Halpert:

Again, many thanks for your kind invitation to attend the opening at your gallery this week.

I enjoyed it a great deal.

With warmest personal regards, as always, I am,

Sincerely,

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86 Troup Street Rochester, N.Y. 14608 13 November, 1965

The Downtown Gallery 165 Park Avenue New York, N.Y.

Gentlemens

In the course of a recent move to this city, my mover lost a framed print, Ben Shahn's Lute and Molecules, and appears to be unable to trace it down. After several inquiries, I have been referred to you as Mr. Shahn's agent and the only possible remaining source of authoritative information.

Please inform me if you have or would be able to get for me a replacement for the lost print, and the cost of such a print, suitably framed in a slim natural walnut strip about two inches deep. If another print cannot be purchased, I would appreciate your informed estimate of the current value of the lost print so that I can enter a claim against the mover.

Sincerely yours,

Arnold Sorvari

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FAMOUS FOR FASHIONS SINCE 1845

November 26, 1965

Dear Edith:

As one of the oldest and most consistent customers of the Warner Brothers Company and as long-time admirers of Bill Commings and as affectionate fans of yours for decades, Dorothy and I were particularly pleased to receive your mailing of the Willard Commings Guest Exhibition.

The J. S. Schramm Company, celebrating its 120th Anniversary this year, has been happy, satisfied customers of the Warner Brothers Company bras and foundation garments for as far back as any of us can remember. Please extend our compliments to Mr. Field for their interest in Art and their happy choice of Bill Cummings as an artist. Our greetings and compliments to Bill for what appears in your announcement to be an exceedingly interesting mural. I believe we have seen him only once since that delightful occasion when we met in Venice ten years ago. And thanks to you again and again for being the catalyst for all this fun.

It was a treat for both of us to have a glimpse of you week before last in New York. Wish it might have been longer. We are both just back from checkups at Mayos where they told us we meemed to be a speck better than a year ago. Do is practically perfect as most anyone would know. My heart and lungs leave much to be desired but do provide an excuse for slowing down. If we are in New York together again in January or February as we should like to be but aren't yet certain of, we shall surely try for a more leisurely visit with you. In the meantime I know you will tell us how things look from time to time for the disposition of our Hartley.

Do joins in affectionate greatings.

Sincerely.

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Mrs. Edith Halpert The Downtown Gallery 465 Park Avenue New York, New York 10022 James J. Schramm

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## CHARLES H. MacNIDER MUSEUM

303 SECOND STREET SOUTH EAST
MASON CITY, IOWA 50401
RICHARD E. LEET, DIRECTOR AND REGIDENT ARTIST
November 16, 1965

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The Downtown Gallery 465 Park Avenue New York, New York 10022

#### Gentlemen:

Mrs. Edward McGill, Assistant for Loans at the Metropolitan Museum of Art suggested I write you with our question.

We have recently been given an Arthur Dove painting entitled, "The Clay Cart". It is about 20 X 28 (oil on canvas).

Our insurance carrier has asked us to establish a value for insurance purposes. I wonder if you could give us a range in which Dove paintings of this size might be expected to fall.

We would certainly appreciate any help you might be able to offer on this.

Very truly yours,

Frank R. Jeffrey

Treasurer

FRJ;far

November 13, 1965 Mrs. Henry Mull 506 Evans Street Clark's Green, Penna. Dear Mrs. Null: I am sorry to have missed you during your recent visit and waited to write until I received word from London to the effect that an exhibition of The Downtown Gallery artists' work which was held there during the summer was on its way back to us. Several examples by the artists whose names are listed in the message - Demuth, Stella and Sheeler - were represented in this show and within ten days or so we should have several examples by each to show you. As you were previously advised, the Sheeler estate is blocked, but this too should be released in the near future. Sincerely yours,

In any event, I look forward to your visit.

BOH/tm

November 13, 1965

Mr. Abraham Oberfest Heffberg and Oberfest 475 Fifth Avenue New York, New York 10017

Dear Mr. Oberfest:

Much to my chagrin, I discovered that a letter dated March 30, 1965 was still attached to the previous correspondence between you and Adele.

I still feel as she quoted me that your charge of \$2500, was considerably above what other dealers in similar circumstances pay for the service. Besides, you no longer take care of my personal account, which required a good deal of attention with the many details involved and therefore wonder why the fee has remained the same. I am now enclosing a check for \$2000., which I trust will be satisfactory, although I still feel it is very fair, based on the past activities.

Do let me hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

EOH/tm

P. S. Incidentally, in the same batch of correspondence I found a State of New York credit slip for \$283.25, indicating that we overpaid that sum for the year ending August 1964. Was that credit deducted at any future time?

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36, AVENUE MATIGNON PARIS 8"

TEL. | ÉLY. 28-16

Awaiting to hear from you at your earliest convience and hoping that this finds you in the best of health. I send you my warmest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

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#### CONTRIBUTIONS:

Until our legal status is properly arranged, contributions can be made payable to Robert Kramer, and sent to 37 West 84th Street, New York 10024.

Checks can also be made payable directly to Students for a Democratic Society, and sent to SDS, 1103 East 63rd Street, Chicago 37, Attention-Sam Bennett. If such a check is sent, a note should be included indicating that the contribution is for the Vietnam Film Project. Contributions to SDS are tex-deductable until 1 January 1966.

We hope to be able to fund this film on the basis of contributions. While we have the support of various organizations, these are often heavily committed to their present programs, and can offer little financial assistance. Therefore, we hope for the support of interested individuals as well as organizations and foundations.

Probably, it will be through individual contributions that we will be able to begin work on the film immediately. Our immediate financial needs run to \$2000, which includes the renting of a cutting room, lab costs for the footage on hand, and purchase of other basic film sources.

Thank you,

Robert Kramer. Peter Gessner

November 15, 1965

The Downtown Gallery, Inc. 465 Park Avenue New York 22, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

We have been unable to obtain biographical data on the following artists whose work we have on consignment from your gallery:

Arthur G. Doys

Frederik Oytesen

We would appreciate your sending us such biographical information as you may have on these people.

Inquiries have been numerous and an early reply will be welcome.

Sincerely,

Rita E. Fareham

Mrs. Jefferson B. Fordham

Please address your reply to:

Mrs. Tairfax Leary, Chairman Art Sales Rental Gallery Philadelphia Museum of Art Philadelphia, Penna.

12 November 65

Oleg Konrad 2 Rue Liancourt Paris 14. France.

Mrs.Edith Gregor Halpert Downtown Gallery 465 Park Ave. (57th. St.) New York, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Halpert,

In a recent issue of NEWSWEEK I read a wost interesting article about your ideas on modern painting and since I feel we share the same opinions may I introduce myself. An American artist living in Paris since 1950 and thinking the moment right to find a dealer who could represent me and sell my work. The color photos I inclose will give you an idea of what I do. All the paintings were inspired by nature and are the result of my travels thru murope. The work has been influenced by abstract painting but there is drawing, discipline and an idea. If you are interested I would sell you these paintings for \$125 each.

If you find that my work does not appeal to you could you give me an idea who in New York might be tempted to handle my work as Paris is still far from you and I don't intend to visit the states in the near future. Hope you will write me a short letter and return the photos if you can't use them. The title of each painting and the size are written on the back of each color photo.

Sincerely yours,

My Konrad

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15th November, 1965

Mrs. E.G. Halpert, 465 Park Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10022, U.S.A.

Dear Mrs. Halpert,

Thank you for your letter of November 10th. The consignment of things we were returning to you had been in the hands of our shippers for quite some time before we received your letter, but we called on them, and instructed them to send the three pictures you mention by air express directly to Washington. I am sorry about the delay, but once the things leave these previses and are in the hands of the shippers, the matter rests with them as to which aeroplane or boat they use. The balance of the paintings, less the ones we are keeping here, are being sent direct to your gallery. When Mrs. Cook returns next Monday, actually she is on honeymoon, we shall send you an official receipt for what we are holding.

Please do not forget what I said to you in a previous letter about the possibility of doing a Ben Shahn exhibition next year. The last two were a great success, as you know.

With kind regards from us all,

Yours very sincerely,

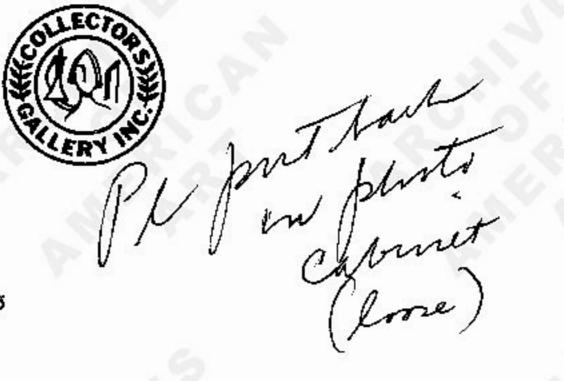
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So glad you can come. Wire booking forward to your visit.

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November 16, 1965

Downtown Gallery 465 Park Avenue New York, New York

Dear Mrs Halbert:

Enclosed please find the personal photographs, painting glossies and biographical material submitted on behalf-of your artists Mr. Abraham Rattner, Mr. Ben Shahn, and Miss Georgia O'Keefe for use in our First American Art Masters Exhibit.

We thank you for your cooperation in helping us gather the requested material, and again apologise for the delay in our show plans.

Most cordially,

Joshua Kligerman

Director

jk/cs

Mrs. Edith G. Halpert

November 30, 1965

I would change it to read as follows:

"From the date hereof CGA assumes responsibility and will provide and bear all costs and expenses of packaging and transporting between the parties hereto, and holding, maintaining, safeguarding and exhibiting the Collection, except that in the case of transportations other than the initial transportations to CGA of the items, CGA need not bear costs of packaging and transportation in any calendar year for more than two small transportations (of not more than 40 items as to each such transportation) between the parties."

10. In paragraphs 9 (a) and (b), insert the word "immediately" after the word "establish". Correct the spelling of Nathaly Baum" in paragraphs 9 (b) and 11.

- 11. In the last sentence of paragraph 9 (b), insert after the words "a successor who", the following: "shall fill such vacancy."
- 12. There is omitted the provisions in paragraph 6 (g) of the old agreement requiring CGA to complete the redesigning, renovation and air-conditioning within two (2) years from the date of the agreement. There is also omitted the provisions in the old agreement requiring CGA to provide an independent entrance on "E" Street to the dedicated area, bearing the name "The Gallery of Twentieth Century American Art". There is also omitted the provision for a Schedule D to be initialed by the parties, which sets forth the plans and specifications as to the redesigning, renovation and air-conditioning of the area.
- 13. Paragraph 10 provides that if CGA fails to perform its obligations, then all of the items immediately become the property of your foundation. This is correct as to the items which you previously gave to CGA, but as to items not yet given, these should not also immediately become the property of your foundation but you should be obligated to make gifts of them in the future

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November 11, 1965

Miss Ellen Kemper
Topic Magazine
/ United States Information Agency
- Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Miss Kemper:

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With regard to the color plate made here yesterday of the Jacob Lawrence painting AT THE PIANO, please note that when this is published the picture should be credited as in the Collection of Edith Gregor Halpert of The Downtown Gallery.

Many thanks for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Tracy Miller, Secretary to Mrs. Helpert

### November 11, 1965

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Simon 941 Park Avenue New York, New York

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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Simon:

Mrs. Halpert has asked me to tell you that she accepts with pleasure your kind invitation for the Buffet Dinner and Preview on Monday, November 29th and that she looks forward to seeing you on that occasion.

Sincerely yours,

Tracy Miller, Secretary to Mrs. Halpert . 2 .

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My very best regards

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December 4, 1965

Mrs. Edith Halpert Downtown Gallery 32 E. 51st St., New York City, N.Y.

Dear Edith:

This is just a little note to clear up the two unsettled matters in connection with our invitations for the 161st Annual.

We wrote to Des Moines for the Shahn and they have declined our invitation telling us that the piece is not available. They have already committed the lending of their possession to two other new museums opening in Iowa and the dates conflict.

The second matter concerns Abbott Pattison. I find that he has sent slides for our Jury's attention and one of those slides was looked on with favor, so that he has been asked to submit a piece for their pleasure. It is a standing figure quite similar in general character to that group of standing figures which we saw in the Lever House exhibition. I most certainly hope that the Jury will look on this with favor and I am sorry that there should have been confusion at all and that it is now too late to cancel our request to him to send the actual piece.

I trust it will all work out in his favor and many, many thanks to you for the help you have given me again.

Sincerely.

Joseph T. Fraser, Jr.

Director

JTF jr/DER

Dictated but not signed by Mr. Fraser.

1 Cramer

24 November 1965 37 West 84th Street New York, New York 10024

Dear Edith:

Enclosed is a prospectus for our present project, a film on the war in Vietnem, on the implications and reprecussions of that war here, in the U.S. Something that seeks to get under the surface to the roots, the little whirlpool where all the attitudes and instincts that lie behind our policy exist.

I've written to Jack bevine and a few others - I'm talking now of the painters - but, as you would say, 'everyone forgets that the artists are keen business men'; therefore, no response as yet. Have you any ideas about others we could get in touch with? Men of commerce, industry, pillars of policy?

Only in the last few weeks I've begun to think of the film, not as a political tool, but as a document, as much so as any work of art. And that is immensely exciting. The possibilities of this film are endless; and now we are anxious to begin.

We have now considerable 'support', but little money - perhaps \$1,500. Kay Boyle is our most active fund raiser, working primarily on the West Coast. Here, Morton Feldman has offered an original score for the work - or, if we prefer - has offered to try to arrange a collaboration between himself, cage, Boulez and others. Other filmmakers have offered their services and so on. But, still, the problem of funds remain.

We're in a position to show a film we made this summer, some of our present material, and a short film made last week which attempts to do a few of the things we'd like to do in our larger film. If you can think of a group who'd be interested in seeing all that, please let me know.

Just got the announcement for your forthcoming show. Without reading, I assumed it was an early American 'montage' - but no. So I see I will have to come and look at it carefully. It looks very exciting. #

All my best to you, and Jane's:

# Going fack to look At it, I see THE COURT PICTURE IS AN REALLY WORK, WWW 2"H HAVE TO KARD THE WHALE CAREFULLY.

Good luck,

Sai

December 7, 1965

Mr. N. Carl Barefoot Jr.
Editor, Museum News
American Association of Museums
2306 Massachusetts Avenue N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20008

Dear Mr. Barefoots

No doubt you have heard about the advertisement which appeared in both The New York Times and the Herald Tribune. Abraham and Straus used an entire page to amounce a special event - the sale of color reproductions in "full size" of important paintings by a number of outstanding contemporary American artists. The selling price was \$100. I have all the material on hand but I am sure you must have heard rumors about this matter and therefore will not give you all the details.

A number of the artists have filed complaints, lawyers have been approached, etc. I take it for granted that a full report will be published in Museum News. I have discussed this matter with several lawyers and one of the suggestions - a simple one - was to make certain that all catalogs published by sussums in connection with one-man or group exhibitions should be copyrighted, including the text and of course the paintings, sculptures or prints. Thus, unless specific permission from the institution owning the painting is given to a printer of reproductions for sale (with the approval of the artist or his agent) the publisher will of course be liable. In many instances, as you know, reproductions have been made from color plates in catalogs and to date very little has been done about it. As a matter of fact, I think we are among the few dealers in America who carry on our invoices the following phrase: "All copyright and reproduction rights on above reserved by artist or gallery."

I am attending a meeting this week but it seems to me that a representative of the American Association of Museums should be present as well or in any event the matter should be under consideration of the museums.

I am enclosing a booklet which was published at my suggestion and paid for by my small foundation. As I recall the American Federation of Arts circulated this pamphlet so that proper arrangements would be made and carried through in all art institutions. If you need additional copies I will be very glad to send them to you. On the other hand, if I am "butting into your affairs", you may write me accordingly.

Sincerely yours,

BOH/tm

November 26, 1965

Mrs. Stanley Woodward The Woodward Foundation 1001 Fifteenth Street N. W. Washington, D. C. 20005

Dear Mrs. Woodward:

Finally both the cleaning and framing were completed and the O'Keeffe painting was shipped to you together with some pertinent added information. However, our label, which was to have been affixed to the back of the painting, was inadvertently omitted and I am enclosing this so that it may be attached as an additional record.

I believe I mentioned previously that we expect the return of some O'Keeffe paintings from an exhibition and at that time I will send you some photographs. Hearwhile, I am making every effort to obtain a large example of a flower painting and will communicate with you the moment that I succeed in finding an outstanding example in the field or one of the early landscapes as well.

My best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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November 13, 1965

Callery of Modern Art 2 Columbus Circle New York, New York

Attention: Mrs. Miller, Registrar

Dear Mrs. Miller:

When you were gathering works for your exhibition, the Ben Shahn painting WORLD'S GREATEST COMICS was picked up by you at Santini, 447 West 49th Street. This is to inform you that this painting should also be returned there. Would you also be good enough to have Santini send us notification of their receipt of this painting.

Many thanks for all your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Tracy Miller



# San Francisco Chronicle



November 21, 1965

Dear Mrs. Halpert -

that I am coming to New York very soon and should like to have an appointment with you on Monday, December 6, to make a list of the Harnetts you have handled since After the Hunt was published, this for the new edition of the book scheduled to appear next spring. I should deeply appreciate it if you would let me know if December 6 is convenient for you, and if so, at what time. I could make it on Saturday, the 4th, if that would be better for you.

Best regards

Mred V. Frankenstein

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November 12, 1965

Mrs. H. C. Lebovits 427 North 29th Street Allentown, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Lebovitus

Thank you for your kind patience this afternoon. As I had said, we had had a leasurely, well-paced morning and, as fate would have it, the rest of the afternoon, while busy, was not the same hectic pace as during your visit.

At any rate, we have located the price of the Weber lithograph ECIPTIAN BOWL AND PRUIT (you see, there is more to the title!), which sells for \$85. We will be happy to hold this for you if you will let us know at your convenience if you are interested.

Again, my thanks for being so nice and on a subsection with I will do my best not to be trying to divide my attention among so many.

Sincerely yours.

Tracy Miller

### December 7, 1965

Mrs. Jerome Greene 139 East 63rd Street New York, New York 10021

Dear Oerdet

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So that I don't mislay the photograph again, I am now enclosing it together with our invoice, which contains additional information relating to the authenticity and provenance of the Kolbe.

Please retain the photograph, which is equivalent to a certificate since it is signed by Margaret Schwarzkopf of Berlin.

Insidentally, your decorator did not come in to plan the pedestals for the two sculptures. I will hold the Kolbe until you wish to have it delivered and incidentally, the invoice is not intended as a blackjack for payment.

It was good to see you and Jerry and I hope we will have a longer wisit the next time. My best regards.

Sincerely yours,

BOH/tm

December 8, 1965

Mr. Alfred Barr Jr. Museum of Modern Art 11 West 53rd Street New York, New York

Dear Alfred:

When the Davis exhibition was returned to us, his painting, SALT SHAKER, was included.

Mow that the wall space in my new apartment is considerably less than on flat Street I have decided to withdraw the Life Possession clause and have the Museum retain SALT SHAKER permanently.

If that is satisfactory to you, would you be good enough to have it picked up at the Gallery whenever convenient. Also, if any additional document is necessary I will be glad to sign it.

My best wishes for a happy holiday.

Sincerely yours,

EOE/tm

November 20, 1965

Mr. David Lucon Binkhouse Inc. 121 Variek Street New York, New York 10013

Dear Mr. Lucons

With regard to the envelopes, could you please have 1500 delivered direct to Comet Ray, attention of Irving Cohen. The balance may come here.

Thank you, sir.

Best,

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Leonard Benjamin Schlosser 53-01 Clownth Street Long Sland City, N.Y. 11101

December 6, 1965

Mrs. Edith Gregor Halpert The Downtown Gallery 465 Park Avenue New York, N.Y.

Dear Edith:

As you are, I am sure, aware, our Spencer Gouache is in the University of Kentucky show that will be coming to the Whitney early next year.

They have written to ask about insurance valuation and have placed upon it a tentative value of \$1,000.

I am writing to you, therefore, to secure your expression of opinion about current market price so that a proper insurance value may be put upon it while it travels.

Thank you for your help; it's been a long time since we've seen you and Mary has particularly asked me to send regards.

Sincerely,

LBS:ng

### November 18, 1965

Mr. Edward Bryant
Department of Art
College of Arts and Sciences
University of Kentucky
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Bryant:

The John Storrs scrapbook arrived safe and sound today.

Many thanks for your prompt attention.

Sincerely yours,

Tracy Miller

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December 7, 1965

Dr. J. D. Bisgard 402 George Boulevard Omaha, Mebraska

Dear Dr. Bisgard:

I cannot tell you how much I regret having missed you during one of your rare visits. I am sorry also that I did not have the pleasure of meeting the Sibbernsens. Perhaps you will all dome in again in the near future.

My very best regards and wishes for a happy holiday to you and the family.

Sincerely yours,

BOH/tm

Movember 13, 1965

Dr. Allen Weller, Head Department of Art University of Illinois Urbana, Illinois

Dear Dr. Weller:

No doubt you have received our catalog of the Stasack exhibition now in progress. This has been a most successful show and we have decided to extend it for another week - ending November 27th. Quite a number of sales have been made and we are very happy with the reception.

When Mr. Donovan was here I chided him because one of your successful ex-students is not represented with a painting in the University collection. Now I am writing to you as well, as I feel so strongly about your collection, as you well know, and would be very happy to see Stasack among the artists represented. If you plan to be in New York before his exhibition closes, I trust that you will come in to see us. It will be a great pleasure for me personally. On the other hand, if this is not feasible, I would be glad to send some photographs of his recent work, which shows how sensitive he is to his immediate environment. His year's stay in Mexico was a very valuable experience as indicated in the work he produced.

Do let me know your wishes in the matter, Meanwhile, my very best regards.

Sincerely yours,

EOH/tm



# BETTY CHAMBERLAIN ASSOCIATES

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Nov. 17, 1965

To: Downtown Gallery

From: Betty Chamberlain

To get new cuts made for the reverse, wavy-lined DOWNTOWN GALLERY used in ads, I find that the commercial artist's work to set it up would cost around \$15.00, the cuts - if 4 are made all alike and all at once and then cut apart - would cost \$9. Thus you could have 4 cuts newly made for ca. \$24, and in addition you would have the original art work from which additional cuts, and cuts of varying sizes, could also be made subsequently. The commercial artist could make the lettering slightly larger and the wavy black line slightly thicker. But I don't think it would work to try to make the length of the line any greater than it is now. It would not fit into the Times one column if it were any longer.

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November 19, 1965

Miss Antoinette Kreushear 1055 Medison Avenue New York, New York 10028

Dear Miss Kraushear!

As you requested, we are supplying below the information on the lithograph by Yasuo Kuniyoshi:

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Carnival 1949 \$175.

Sincerely yours,

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November 12, 1965

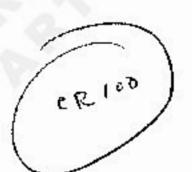
Frederick A. Praeger Inc. 111 Fourth Avenue New York, New York 10003

Attention: Nancy Reynolds

6 photographs @ \$1.50

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December 6, 1965

Mrs. Edith Gregor Halpert Dewntown Gallery Park Avenue at 58th St. New York, New York

Dear Ediths

Much to our sadness, the exhibition of painting and sculpture from Connecticut collections closed on Sunday, and the loans are being returned.

The exhibition has been of tremendous interest here, and the attendance excellent. I do want you to know how much we appreciate your great generosity in lending your paintings. As I have on occasion been a lender myself, I know what it means to part with a favorite work of art. Your generosity in making your paintings with us is deeply appreciated.

With all good wishes for the Christmas season.

Very sincerely yours,

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RICHARD D. MODRE, M.D. 2860 LILHA STREET HONOLULU, HAWAII 96817

November 16, 1965

Mrs. Edith Gregor Halpert, Director The Downtown Gallery 465 Park Avenue New York, N.Y. 10022

Dear Mrs. Halpert:

Thank you for your letter of November 13.

I would appreciate you sending me the price

list of the available paintings as well as of others

which were not included in the exhibition. —

Yours very truly,

Richard D. Moore, M. D.

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November 18, 1965

Parke\_Bernet Calleries Inc. 980 Madison Avenue New York, New York 10021

#### Gentlement

With regard to your notice about tickets to the Main Salesroom for the December 8th and 9th sales of 19th and 20th century paintings, would you be good enough to send two tickets for each evening to Mrs. Halpert at the above address.

Many thanks for your attention.

Sincerely yours,

Tracy Miller, Secretary to Mrs. Halpert November 26, 1965

Hra. Max Ratner, Chairman Park Synagogue Art Festival 3300 Mayfield Road Cleveland Heights 18, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Ratners

Many thanks for sending us the check for the Rattner painting. I am very pleased that this very handsome example of the artist's work will remain in Cleveland and also want to add that it has been most pleasant to work with you.

Sincerely yours,

EOH/tm

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Mrs. Edith Halpert, Director Page 2 December 1, 1965

I know that you will miss him as much as I will. My only regret is that he had so much to offer in the field of fine arts.

In your next visit to Honolulu, I would certainly like to be a member of your reception committee, so will you write me if you are contemplating coming this winter.

Very truly yours,

BEN G. TAKAYESU

BGT: hk

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MARSHALL FIELD

401 NORTH WABASH AVENUE CHICAGO, ILUNOIS GOSII

December 2, 1965

The Downtown Gallery 465 Park Avenue New York, New York

#### Gentlemen:

At the request of Mr. Marshall Field I am enclosing his check in the amount of \$1,000.00 representing payment on account for the two paintings purchased from you as itemized on your invoice No. 1304 dated April 22, 1965.

Yours very truly,

Edward J. Burn

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#### STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF LAV

STATE OFFICE BUILDING 80 CENTRE STREET NEW YORK 13. N. Y. TELE-HONE: CONTLAND 7-0500

November 30, 1965

Dear Friend:

I have been in contact with representatives of the art field regarding a conference to discuss ways and means of protecting the public as well as the artists.

You are invited to attend a conference at which art dealers, auctioneers and others will be present to take place at my office at 80 Centre Street, New York City, in Room 637, on Friday, December 10, 1965 at 10:00 A.M.

I would appreciate it if you would advise whether or not you can attend and also any thoughts and suggestions you may have regarding this matter.

Best wishes and thanks for your cooperation.

Cordially,

LOUIS J. LEFKOWITZ

Attorney General

Nov. 30, 1961

DEAR Sir;

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November 15, 1965

The Downtown Gallery 465 Park Avenue New York, New York 10022

Gentlemen;

Enclosed is Woodward Foundation check in the amount of \$2,000.00, as payment on account for "Yellow Calla," by Georgia O'Keeffe.

The balance of the amount due will be paid soon after January 1, 1966.

Sincerely yours,

THE WOODWARD FOUNDATION

Norman S. Altman

Secretary

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December 3, 1965

Dr. August Freundlich, Director Joe and Emily Lowe Art Gallery University of Mismi 1301 Miller Drive Corel Gables 46, Florida

Dear Dr. Proundlicht

Thank you for sending me the fascinating catalog of the Virgil Barker Collection. He was one of my early enthusiasms and I am glad that he is being appropriately honored.

Sincerely yours,

BOH/tm

P.S. Would you be good enough to send a copy of the catalog to Ben Shahn? His address is simply Roosevelt, New Jersey.

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December 4, 1965

Mr. Jacob Schulman 38 North Main Street Gloversville, New York

Dear Jackt

I was in Washington for the opening of the exhibition entitled ROOTS OF ABSTRACT ART IN AMERICA on the evening of Wednesday, December 1st and stayed over to spend a good part of the morning with the Corcoran Gallery group. We have finally come to a decision regarding my gift to that institution. I am enclosing the final draft prepared by the Corcoran lawyer together with accepted amendments or corrections made by my attorney. All this for your approval.

Since this has been a big year for me personally based on the sale of the flat Street property, if as I recall the profits were to be distributed over a period, it seems logical that my first installment of the gift should be made during this calendar year. If so, it would be imperative to have someone examine my books immediately so that we may make the deadline. In any event, it might be a good idea to go over my books before the 15th of this month as this is the date set for the final signature on my deed of gift. However, I will leave all this to you and would deeply appreciate a note at your earliest convenience as to what your plans are in regard to this matter.

I still recall with great pleasure the exhibition of your collection at Munson-Williams-Proctor and the delightful evening we spent. It was so good to see you and Mrs. Schulman close to your own locals.

My vary best regards.

Sincerely yours.

BOE/tm

- P.S. I thought you would be as summed as I was with the onclosed Channkah ditty.
- P.P.S. I forgot to thank you for the photograph of your Zorach SEATED FINNE, Many thanks.

November 22, 1965

Mr. Elmer Halseth 506 Second Street Rock Springs, Wyoming

Dear Mr. Halsoth:

Thank you for your letter.

I too am disappointed that you could not see the Stassok exhibition, but since there were a number we did not include in the show because we needed them for future group shows, I am sure you will have an opportunity to see some of the best examples he had produced when you come to New York.

The reason I did not send you photographs earlier was that most of the O'Keeffe paintings were out - some in London, others electhere. We now have several very interesting examples, photographs of which I am enclosing for your consideration. You will note the names of the artists on our roster, which appear below in print and will fit in with your fascinating collection.

For your information, the Gallery is closed during the months of July and August and I hope that you will be here either befor or after. I look forward to the pleasure of seeing you.

Sincerely yours,

BOH/tm

How can you break through that net of attitudes that lie behind our policy? A policy statement by one of the government representatives reveals its abstraction -- its elusiveness, its emphasis on national interest narrowly defined -- when set against scenes of the sort of destruction necessitated by this kind of war, and its effect on the U.S. soldiers obliged to fight it. The claim of a struggle to defend Democracy is defined more accurately by scenes of the moderate Buddhists demonstrating for the most elementary of liberties. Perhaps another way of beginning to challenge fixed attitudes is by indicating parallels with events that are closer to us, that cannot be written off so easily. The Buddhist film has extensive footage of nonviolent demonstrations, which have natural emotional connection with the civil rights demonstrations in the south. The intervention in the Dominican Republic mirrors that in Vietnam: the example amplifies what role the U.S. has begun to play consistantly in world affairs. In the Korean occupation zone there are bleak, terrifying scenes of what 'occupation' means, both to the people of the country and to the occupying army: a definition that becomes increasingly relevant as the possibility of a long-term 'pacification' of Vietnam becomes more likely.

The precise shape of the film we propose is not wholly clear yet. It won't be until we have gathered much more of the available footage, and find exactly what our material will permit. It is a difficult film precisely because the material has become so highly colored. It is the job of the film to find ways to reestablish perspective.

Ne favor a minimum of narration—the extensive use of quotation and recorded statement. We want to go deeply into the contradictions and paradoxes, for only that way can we give the film the kind of life it has to have to reach the people who do not agree with us. We want above all else to create an event that will push people to face the questions.

#### SUPPORT AND CIRCULATION, SO FAR:

This film will be an independent production, one of the projects of a film cooperative that is just being formed. Members of this group have made other films—on the first Poor People's Conference, on the Newark ghettos, on Venezuela, and at present one is being completed on the Newark Community Union Project. Substantial support—in the form of material, equiptment and time—has already been offered by members of the film industry.

The Vietnam film was requested by Students for a Democratic Society, and the Inter-University Committee for Public Debate on Foreign Policy, although neither, it now seems, will be able to offer substantial financial backing, and neither will dictate the shape or content of the film.

Both SDS and the Teach-in Committee will circulate the film. Roughly, through SDS, the film will be shown on 90 campuses and in 12 community unions. The Teach-in Committee is connected with another 100 campuses. The National Coordinating Committee has been anxious for such a film-all these groups have had discouraging experience with one-sided films--and will offer its support; through the Committee the film will go to all the local Ad Boc Committees to End the Nar in Vietnam. The Artists and Writers Committee to End the War has given its support to the project.

The above committments assure a basic circulation. There is every reason to believe that many other groups will want to use the film--the Woman's Strike for Peace, SNCC, PAX, the Committee of the Professions, and others. Obviously, it would be available to anyone.

Because we are directing ourselves primarily at those who have remained indifferent or who actively support government policy, we are anxious that the film have a circulation beyond the peace groups and political circles. In effect this means theatrical distribution and the possibility of television, both commercial and educational. What are the possibilities for this? The film we are trying to make will be of a type that could have extensive circulation. Whether it will or not depends on a number of factors, not the most minor of which is the state of the reaction against the movement to end the war. The question of wide distribution is one we will have to face as we go along; it is one in which all interested people, especially in the film industry and television, could be most valuable.

Movember 11, 1965

Mr. Daniel Jacobs Orr's Gallery 2200 Fourth Avenue San Diego, Gallfornia 92101

Dear Mr. Jacobs:

I hope you will forgive me for the delay in answering your letter. Getting our current exhibition together with a staff shortage presented many problems which I am sure you can well understand.

There are three Ben Shahm silkscreens which may be of interest to your client. PLEIADES is a color serigraph with solecular design and Hebrew lettering below. The DECALOUE represents the two tablets with Hebrew letters in gold; and SONO OF DECHESS is Hebraic in content although the lettering is in English. I regret that I do not have photographs as an attempt such as this at description is totally inadequate. Perhaps either you or your client have plans to be in New York in the near future. If so, of course we would be delighted to show these prints to you.

Sincerely yours,

Tracy Miller

EVERSON MUSEUM OF ART SYRACUSE, NEW YORK 13203

Dr. Max W. Sullivan regrets that he is unable to accept the kind invitation to attend a Preview Reception at The Downtown Gallery Monday, the 29th of November from 5-7 p.m.

#### November 13, 1965

Mr. Heyward Cutting Geometries Inc. 23 Arrow Street Cambridge, Mass. 02138

Dear Heyward:

Please forgive me for the long delay in answering your letter. My dictation folder has piled up so that I was almost obliged to move into my drassing room. Aside from all the agonies of moving and reconstruction, I suffered a bad concussion and have not been functioning normally since.

I am glad you understand how awkward it is for us to take back a consigned painting, particularly when the estate still has some examples of the same period available. I think your idea of presenting it to a museum is excellent. Certainly Boston can use more American Art in its institutions and particularly of such high quality as ENTERTAINMENT by Weber.

The routine, according to the current law, is to write to the Art Dealars Association at 575 Madison Avenue, New York and request the necessary forms for filling in the specific data for appraisal. This law requires three separate appraisals, but I can tell you what figure I would set on the picture for the Internal Revenue's consideration. The present value is in the neighborhood of \$4500.

You have a choice of the Boston Museum, M.I.T., B.U., and Brandels University. A one-man show of Weber's work was held at B.U. and I know they would be delighted as would any of the other institutions mentioned.

Insofar as the Sheeler is concerned I will let you know the moment I get the green light from the estate lawyer. Meanwhile, my best to you and yours.

Sincerely yours,

FOH /tm

Paul K. Watabe #9 DOGEN-CHO NAKANO-KU

Nov. 28 1965

Dear Hiss Halpert

Thank you so much for your kind letter of Nov. 22nd. I am very much grateful that you sent such a big Kunlyoshi Exhibition to Nihosbashi Gallery only because of my association with you. That is why I feel much responsible with regard to the remittance problem. And the same time I have to confess that Kojima asked me for resigning from that organization because of the curtailment of their budget.

I will of course do my best in order that Kojima makes the prompt remittance to you as quick as possible.

I talked to Kojima yesterday morning at the Mihonbashi Gallery to take his action on this very important problem.

In the beginning, I repeated emphasizing the same thing----the payment must have been made before Sept.3rd 1965 according to the contract between you and Kojima and also to the import regulation of Japanese Government. His postponning remittance to the Downtown Gallery is very much one-sided action without even any consent of hiss Halpert.-----Of course I told him much more things to urge him to make more great effort on this remittance problem for not only to the Hihonbashi Gallery but to all the other galleries in Tokyo.

I also added to Kojima that Hr. Lieberman from the Museum of Modern Art, New York, now staying in Tokyo for a short visit was mentioning me a couple of days ago Hrs. Euniyoshi with the same museum had been very embarrassed at Kojima's attitude.

Now that he tells me he will make remittance within this year to you, I sincerely hope that he will keep his words without fail.

Of course I will keep in touch with him to urge him to do so. It's entirely depends on Kojima's eincerity.

It was to my surprise to hear that "Study for 'Before the Act'" for \$1,000 was missing in spite of the fact shown on the attached "TELEX" copy of Hippon Express Co. dated Movember 2nd.

Paul K. Watabe #9 DOGEN-CHO NAKANO-KU TOKYO

Nice Edith Gregor Halpert
The Downtown Gallery
465 Park Avenue New York
N.Y., 10022

## SALES REPORT

investigated by Paul K. Vatabe on November 27th 1965

This sales report replaces the same, dated August 12, 1965 from Mihonbashi Gallery to the Downtown Gallery.

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12		Fruit in white bowl	135+
17		Girl in wicker chair	140
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# THE DOWNTOWN GALLERY

EDITH GREGOR HALPERT, Director By appointment only 465 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, N. Y. 10022 Telephone: Plosa 3-3707

December 1, 1965

Mr. Alvin H. Baum 135 South LaSalle Street Chicago, Illinois 60603

Dear Mr. Baum:

I am so sorry that the reply to your letter has been delayed. Isami Doi had written that a group of his recent paintings was en route and of course we wanted to wait until they arrived before writing to you.

These are here at present and I will send you several photographs of his recent work, all of which are fused with his special subtlety and are in the cool colors with the exception of one which I am marking accordingly, combining a rich blue with a brilliant red. These notes will appear on the reverse side of the photographs. The pertinent data is included and I will note the prices.

I will appreciate the return of any photographs which do not coincide with the concept you have in mind. Of course we will very gladly send you one or two paintings for consideration, with no obligation on your part other than the expenses involved in packing, shipping and insurance.

We shall be glad to follow your wishes in the matter, if you will advise us accordingly.

Sincerely yours,

EGH/tm

P.S. I am sorry for the delay, but we received the sad news that Did died just as we were preparing to send the photos. We now will have to await word from his attorney, but will keep you informed.

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### November 27, 1965

Dr. Richard D. Moore 2260 Liliha Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

Dear Dr. Mooret

The Stasack exhibition closes today, a week later than originally planned.

So that you may have specific reference to the paintings I am enclosing several photographs including two which were on exhibit and others which we withheld for future exhibitions. The pertinent data is noted on the reverse side of each print and the prices are listed below.

TWO WOMEN	\$1250.	REY \$900.
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RED SKY	750.	

Unfortunately, the photographs were not very successful and I am therefore making some color notes on the back of the prints. Would you be good enough to return these to us after you have had an opportunity to consider the group. In the event that you would like to have one sent to you on approval we will be glad to do so with no obligation on your part other than the expenses involved in packing, transportation and insurance. May I hear from you?

Sincerely yours,

BOH/tm

November 30, 1965

Mr. Charles Sessler 1308 Walnut Street Philadelphia, Penna. 19107

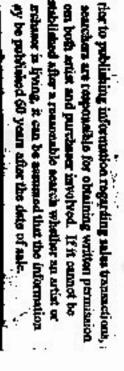
Dear Mr. Sessler:

With regard to your request for an etching by Miro, please note that The Downtown Gallery deals exclusively in American Art.

I am sorry not to be able to help you.

Sincerely yours,

Tracy Miller, Secretary to Mrs. Halpert





# CHARLES SESSLER

BOOKSELLER AND PRINTSELLER

1308 WALNUT SIREET PHILADELPHIA, PA. 19107

November 23, 1965.

Down Town Gallery, 465 Park Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Can you offer an etching by Mire, done in 1953, entitled LE MAIN?

Yours sincerely, Charles Seasler

Mrs. Edith G. Halpert

November 30, 1965

transfer all the items which it is giving; only you were staggering your gifts over the years. If this is still the intention, then only you should be referred to as pledging to make gifts of the items in Schedule B. This is important for tax reasons because we do not want any tax agent to be confused into thinking that DGI owned any of the items which in fact you own and are giving. For the same reason, there should only be a reference to you and not DGI in the last sentence of paragraph 2 and in paragraph 3.

3. I wantit to be clear that your obligation to make transfers in the future ceases as to any item that may be lost, stolen or destroyed. Hence, I would add at the end of the first sentence of paragraph 2 the following:

"except such items as may be lost, stolen or destroyed."

4. The provisions of paragraph 6 create a tax danger. The law now is that there is no charitable deduction where a gift is made of a future interest, i.e., where the donee retains a right to possession of the property. The proposed Regulations state that this includes situations "in which a donor purports to give tangible personal property to a charitable organization, but has an understanding, arrangement, agreement, etc. (whether written or oral) with the charitable organization which has the effect of reserving to, or retaining in, such donor a right to the use, possession, or enjoyment of the property."

Paragraph 6 provides that until the CGA galleries are refurbished and ready, you have custody of the Collection, which may be loaned by you in your discretion. This is alright as to items not previously given to CGA. But as to items given to CGA, the result could be that you and DGI may not be entitled to any charitable deductions until the CGA galleries are ready for the Collection, since the tax agent could contend that until that time you had an agreement which "has the effect of reserving to, or retaining in, such donor a right to the use, possession, or enjoyment of the property."

To avoid this danger, paragraph 6 should provide that CGA has the sole right of possession of items which have been transferred by you or DGI, but may lend the same to you or DGI in its sole discretion. Hence, I would reword the first three sentences

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# art institute men's club of Temple Israel, St. Louis

December 2, 1965

Miss Edity Gregor Halpert The Downtown Gallery 455 Park Avenue New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Halpert:

This is to advise you that our check has gone forward to W. S. Budworth & Sons, Inc. in payment for packing the art works which you submitted to our Art Exhibit last spring.

Trusting the above information will be satisfactory with you, I am,

Very truly yours,

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Tokyo, November 16, 1965 HI/ys

Messrs. Downtown Gallery

By our letter dated October 16, 1965, a copy of which is attached hereto, we inquired you on the possibility of holding Mr. Ben Shahn's exhibition here in Tokyo.

Unfortunately, as of today we have not yet been favoured with your reply. In this connection may we stress on the fact that we are still very much interested in having Mr. Ben Shahn's a grant success is inevitable on occassion of holding an exhibition in my gallery.

Looking forward to receiving your reply at an early date, we are,

Yours very truly,

H. Itoh

Director

margit winter chanin 241 central park west tr. 3-0339

modern art

Nov. 24th, 1965

Mrs. Edith Gregor Halpert Director The Downtodw Gallery 465 Park Avenue New York City, N.Y.

Dear Edith;

Thank you for you letter regarding the Kolbe sculpture. Payment after the 1st of January is satisfactory.

As to the certificate by Margaret Schwarzkopf, of Berlin, I meant the statement on the reverse of the photograph. There was no separate document.

I have just acquired a fine Barlach drawing; if and when your client is interested, please let me know. And if "German" art is one of her enthusiasms, I have a superb Feininger 1922 watercolor, some exceptional Kandinsky oils and water colors; and some important George Grosz drawings, watercolors, and a rare 1915 cil.

I have never dealt with Mr. Baker -- of whose reputation I have heard -- and the Stuart Davis was offered to him for me by someone else; in fact, until recently, I did not even know to whom it was offered. I shall be glad to have Roselle see the little oil; incidentally, if you would like to place my other Davis - now in the exhibition - I should be glad to bring it over when it finally returns.

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November 18, 1965

Mrs. Richard Landy 128 Chestnut Street Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mrs. Landy:

Thank you for your letter.

Indeed, our 40th (!) Annual Christmas Exhibition opens on Movember 30th and will be in full swing on the 4th of December. Our amountement should follow in a few days.

I gather that you will be in New York on the 4th and will look forward to seeing you again at that time.

Sincerely yours,

Tracy Miller

REALITES 301 Madison Avenue - New York 10017 N.Y. Yukon 5-5181

13. RUE SAINT-GEORGES PARIS 9', LAM. 526-86-39

1st December, 1965

Miss Edith Halpert, The Downtown Gallery, 32 East 51 Street, New York 22, N.Y. Etats Unis.

Dear Miss Halpert,

I am afraid we don't know each other, but if you remember Realites did an article on Abe Rattner, in which your gallery was mentioned. This letter is to ask you if you liked the article - and also to ask you at the same time if you would do me a favour.

A very dear friend of mine, of many years standing, Sybil Chalon, is coming to New York, representing three painters, Segovia, Mathelen, and Schauer. She wants to organize exhibitions for the three of them. Would you be as kind as to see her and the paintings, and if they don't interest your gallery, perhaps you would be kind enough to advise her where to go.

Yours sincerely,

Garith Windsor Executive Editor [postmarked (1-29-65)

Mrs. Herbert C. Lebevitz, 427 North 29th Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Hiller-

Thank you for your attention to me Weber Lithograph Egyptian Bowland Fruit. Please do not hold it for me as I do not know when my sister and I can be in New York to getner to come and see it.

you at our first chance. Sincerely, suclebunk

November 26, 1965

Mr. Frederick Baum Rubin, Baum and Levin 598 Madison Avenue New York, New York 10022

### Dear Fred:

I have finally decided to make the gift to the Corcoran Gallery now that they have assigned an ideal space in the museum. I also asked their attorney, who visited me together with the architect, and of course Bill Williams, to reduce the contract to three pages so that I may understand it thoroughly. This is now enclosed and I hope that it will meet with your approval, perhaps with a few slight revisions. I also promised that this would be completed by the end of Movember, but have been unable to apply myself to the matter for a specific reason - I just don't seem to function anymore. However, it is imperative that the deal be closed by the 15th of December as I am making arrangements to go to the hospital at about that time and will be out of the running for quite a period.

Won't you please call me on the receipt of this letter - or after you have had an opportunity to study the papers and let me know whether we can get the material to them very chortly so that the signatures can be taken care of by the 15th.

I know this is an imposition, but please bear with me. Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Ivare Gutmanis 1 Washington Circle N.W. Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Gutmenist

I am so sorry that your letter was inadvertently mislaid by a temporary secretary.

The catalog you requested is now enclosed. Because the exhibition has been so successful we decided to extend it for an additional week ending on November 27th.

I hope that you plan to be in New York during this period to see this exciting exhibition, which is devoted
largely to the work produced during his stay in Mexico,
where he spent his subbatical leave from the University
of Hawaii where he is Assistant Professor of Art. You
will note also - if you are familiar with his previous
work - how sensitive he was to his new environment,
with the change of tempo, the character of the landscape
and the people.

Sincerely yours,

EOH/tm

RICHARD TITELMAN
BEOT BAKER BLVD.
ALTOOMA, PA. 16802

November 26, 1965

Mrs. Edith Halpert Downtown Gallery 32 E. 51st Street New York 22, New York

Dear Mrs. Halpert:

Unfortunately, neither my wife nor myself will be able to attend the opening of the exhibition of the Warner Brothers Mural.

It is regrettable that my work schedule ties me up to the extent that I couldn't possibly make it at that time. However, I will be down there sometime before the end of the showing.

I'm also attaching the picture of the Walt Kuhn, for which I thank you. I went to see it at the museum.

Cordially yours,

Richard Titelman

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December 3, 1965

Mrs. Edith G. Halpert Downtown Gallery, Inc., 32 East 51st Street New York, N. Y.

Dear Edith:

Dr. Williams of CGA phoned me. He said that he was agreeable to have Mr. Hamilton incorporate the changes in the new agreement which were suggested in my letter to you of November 30, 1965, except as to the matters dealt with in paragraph 12 of my letter. With respect to that, he suggested the following be inserted at the end of paragraph 9 (c) of the new agreement:

"CGA agrees that within four (4) months from the date of this agreement it will submit to EGH for her approval the plans and specifications as to the redesigning, refurbishing, lighting and air-conditioning said dedicated area. CGA further agrees that it will complete the said improvements in accordance with the approved plans and specifications no later than (i) two (2) years from the date the plans and specifications are approved by EGH or (ii) three (3) years from the date of this agreement, whichever of (i) or (ii) is the earlier."

Dr. Williams stated that you were agreeable to omitting any requirement for CGA to provide an independent entrance on "E" Street; and you were willing to leave it up to CGA to provide whatever insurance it deemed advisable as to items transferred or to be transferred, as explained in paragraph 7 of my letter to you of November 30, 1965.

If you will advise whether the foregoing is satisfactory, I am to notify Dr. Williams and Mr. Hamilton to retype the agreement accordingly.

With best regards.

Sincerely

Frederick Baum

November 26, 1965

Mr. Richard Stilinger 125 Maple Avenue Highland Park, Illinois

Dear Mr. Ettlinger:

I am so sorry that there was a delay in the shipment of the Osborn painting BICICLE RIDER. If by any chance it has not reached you as yet, would you please send us a wire so that we can put through a tracer. In the first place the shipment was held up because our framer was so overwhelmed with work for the many Christmas exhibitions held at this time of the year that the matte was not ready until a couple of weeks ago but the shipment has been made and we have a receipt from R.E.A. Unless I hear from you to the contrary I will assume that the Osborn has reached you.

I hope that I will have the pleasure of seeing you and Mrs. Ettlinger on your next trip to New York.

Sincerely yours.

EOH/to

December 4, 1965

Mr. Tracy Atkinson, Director Milwaukee Art Center 750 North Lincoln Memorial Drive Milwaukee 2, Wisconsin

Dear Tracy:

I owe you an apology for not writing sooner, but the 1966 date re-

Indeed, we will be very glad to have the Zorach painting included in your exhibition. Incidentally, we have several other portraits which might fit in with your plan. These are listed below.

Stuart Davis Arthur G. Dove JAMES JOYCE

THE CRITIC (Royal Cortissos)
ALFRED STIEGLITZ (Owned by MOMA)

Yasuo Kuniyoshi Abraham Rattner Ban Shaha

PORTRAIT OF WILLIAM GROPPER HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR ESTHER (His Wife)

Ben Shahn Charles Sheeler

WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS KATHARINE (His First Wife)

There are many other portraits by William Zorach, including that of Max Weber, his wife, his children, etc. (aculpture) and symbolic portraits of the late President Kennedy by Robert Osborn, who also painted portraits of Thurber and many personalities in the theatre.

No doubt you will be in New York long before September 15, 1966 and will pay us a visit. I can then show you photographs of the above together with others that we have sold during the years. It just occurred to me that the series of portraits Charles Demuth painted in purely symbolic form, like the FIGURE 5 IN COLD (William Carlos Williams) and quite a few others of which we also have photographs. In any event, you may be assured of the one you have already selected. Incidentally, the Ornstein portrait is now on exhibition at the Smithsonian Institution in the current exhibition entitled ROOTS OF ABSTRACT ART IN AMERICA.

My best regards.

Sincerely yours,

JACOB SCHULMAN 29 RAST BOULEVARD GLOVERSVILLE, NEW YORK

November 24, 1965

The Downtown Gallery 465 Park Avenue New York, New York 10022

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find check for \$2,000.00, to be credited to my account.

Thank you for your attention. Kindest regards.

Sincerely & Shuhman

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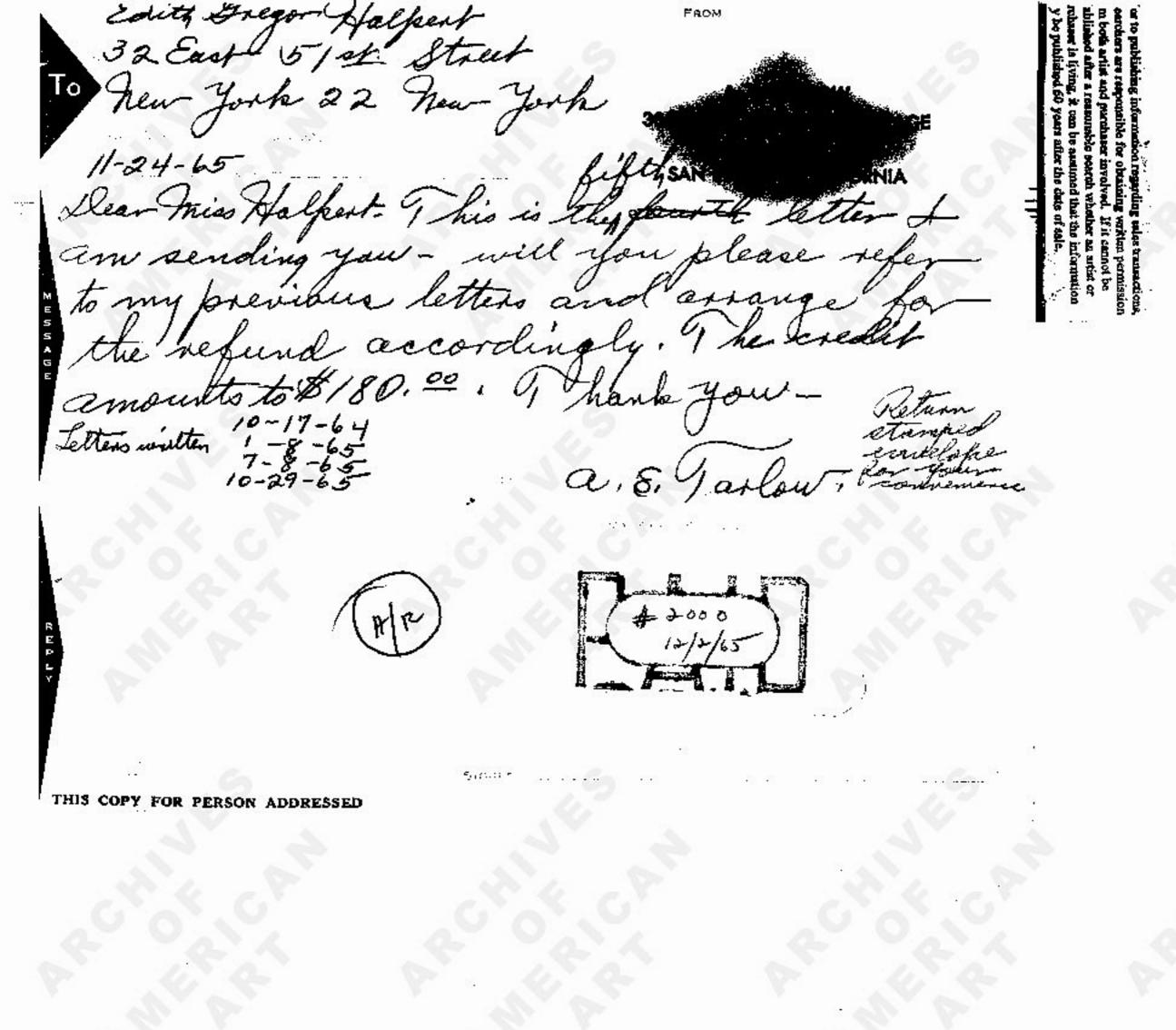
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November 22, 1965 Mrs. Daniel Hartfield Jr. 530 Bast 72nd Street New York, New York 10021 Dear Mrs. Hartfield: Now that we are firstly ensconced in our new quarters and have completed our stock records, I thought it might be advisable to send you a check for the Lawrence painting, which I plan to put in our forthcoming Christmas exhibition, which is simed at the young generation and others in lower financial brackets. This will be our 40th Annual Christmas Exhibition and will follow our original policy. The check is now enclosed. Sincerely yours, EGH/tm

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Der 6, 1965

Dear Min Holpert,

Mr. willis words of the fetroit Art I willet who supplied you might be ath I help me on an article / am Tying to work up on bemark's poster profesits. An also said you han 2 pys. by Demonth related & here Do you have anything of the powers, who men, who might know more Schwerz, Abraham B. Dendom r to publishing information regarding sales transactions, archers are responsible for obtaining written permission a both whist and purchaser involved. If it cannot be blished after a reasonable search whether an artist or have in living, it can be searmed that the information be published 60 years after the date of sale.

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Movember 13, 1965

Dr. Richard D. Moore 2260 Liliha Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

Dear Dr. Moore:

I am sorry to be so late in answering your letter, but it was merely addressed to The Downtown Callery, New York and the Post Office delivered it to our previous address, from which we moved last April.

However, I am now sending you the Stasack datalog. The show has been a great success and we decided to extend it for an additional week. If by any chance you plan to be in New York, I hope that you will pay us a visit. Meanwhile, if you so desire we will be glad to send you several photographs together with a price list of the paintings still available and others which were not included in the exhibition. Please note our new address above.

Sincerely yours,

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December 6, 1965

Mrs. Edith Gregor Halpert The Downtown Gallery 465 Park Avenue New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Halpert:

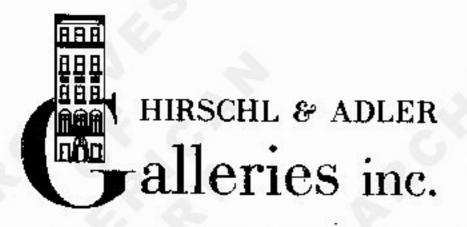
This is to acknowledge receipt of your invoice No. 10692 for the oil "Goldilock Goodbye" by Edward Stasack. We have also received a notice that a shipment was made on December 1st by W. S. Budworth & Son.

As Mr. Hurd is still in the hospital the bill will be taken care of as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,

Sec'y to Mr. Frank E. Hurd

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NORMAN HIRSCHL

21 East 67th Street, New York 21. N.Y., Cable Address "HIRAMART" . Telephone: LEhigh 5-8810

November 18, 1965

To Whom it May Concern:

We have carefully examined the still life attributed to J. F. Francis entitled "Ice Tea", 12 by  $12\frac{1}{2}$  inches in size, and in our opinion its value in the current market is \$50.

Very truly yours,

HIRSCHL & ADLER GALLERIES, INC.

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November 16, 1965

The Downtown Gallery
465 Park Avenue (Ritz Concourse)
New York, New York

To whom it may concern:

As a senior student at Scripps College, I am writing a thesis based on the work of Stuart Davis. Do you have material available on Davis that I might buy? Prints are very important as well as any written matter.

Your kind and immediate attention to this letter would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Ingrid Gustafson
Browning Hell, Scripps
College

Claremont, California 91714 November 13, 1965

Mr. Raymond T. Entenmann, Director Fort Worth Art Center 1309 Montgomery Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Raymond:

Thank you for your letter.

I intended to write you earlier in the hope that I would have an added group of Ottesen's work shipped from Paris, where he resides and works. On the other hand, if you are prepared to have this exhibition shortly we could arrange to borrow a number of the paintings which had been sold and would be available from the owners. If you can wait until January, we will have a much larger selection available so that 20 outstanding items can be chosen for the occasion without involving losns which have to be packed and shipped separately from various parts of the country, Won't you please let me know your wishes in the matter, as we would be very happy to have his work seen in the Fort Worth Art Center. Meanwhile, I am sending you biographical notes and several photographs we have in our files.

I hope that you will have occasion to be in New York in the near future. I look forward to your visit as well as to your reply.

Sincerely yours,

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December 7, 1965

Miss Edith Halpert Downtown Gallery 465 Bark Avenue

Dear Miss Halperts

Would you be so kind as to give me an insurance value for a Stuart Davie: LANDSCAPE. 1917. Watercolor, 11 5/8 x 9 1/4. Thank you so much for your help.

Sincerely yours,

Susan P. Bissell Assistant Registrar December 7, 1965

Dr. and Mrs. Herry Bakwin 132 East 71st Street New York, New York 10021

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Bakwin:

Mrs. Halpert has asked me to thank you for your invitation for cocktails on December 20th.

She is hoping to get away for a winter vacation at about that time, but if she is in town on that date she will be happy to attend.

Sincerely yours,

Tracy Miller, Secretary to Mrs. Halpert rior to publishing self-marking regarding select transactions, escarchers are temposable for obtaining written permission one both artist and parchaser involved. If it cannot be stablished after a reasonable search whether an artist or archaser is living, it can be assumed that the information my be published 60 years after the date of sole.

November 22, 1965

Mrs. Margit Winter Chanin 201 Central Park West New York, New York

Dear Margit:

As you requested I am returning the Barlach photograph and the pamphlet. My client stated that she is not prepared to make any additional purchases at the present time, but perhaps after the first of the year she may reconsider. However, she has made a final decision regarding the Kolbe. I found your original letter dated October 21st together with the photograph with all the information contained in the letter, which incidentally refers to a certificate by Hargaret Schwarskopf of Berlin. Are you referring to her signature on the photograph or was there a separate document which you did not include?

She promised to make payment directly after the lat of January and I will send you the remittance immediately thereafter - for \$6000, not as indicated in the letter referred to.

I expect to see Roselle Davis within the next few days when I will take up the matter of the Stuart Davis painting. Incidentally, I did not say anything to Mr. Baker about doubting the authenticity of the painting. All I stated was that I could give no valuation on a picture without seeing it or a photograph. Also I can tell you that he is one of the most difficult buyers in America and thinks anything over \$500. is absolutely outrageous. I would suggest that you spend very little time with him under the circumstances.

Bost regards.

Sincerely yours,

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December 7, 1965

Mr. B. Harris American Bureau of Collections 1 East 42nd Street New York, New York 10017

Door Mr. Harris:

As I promised during our telephone conversation, I am listing below the series of letters which were sent to the Luce-Romeike Company following a number of telephone calls requesting that the Callery be removed from the list of subscribers.

I am enclosing state of the three last letters. The previous correspondence was packed in cartons when we moved from 51st Street to the current address. Incidentally, I might call your attention to the fact that your communication was also addressed to 51st Street, indicating that the luce Press Service is not very alert since our advertisements and announcements all carried the 465 Park Avenue address since April. I trust this will straighten out the matter. Thank you for your courtesy.

Sincerely yours,

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November 11, 1965

Mrs. Marion O. Sandler Senior Vice President Golden West Savings and Loan Association 1632 Franklin Street Oakland, California 94612

Dear Mrs. Sandler:

I believe the invoices I sent the other day have all the billings correctly. Mr. Sandler did tell us originally to bill and ship everything to your home, or at least Mrs. Malpert and I both understood him that way. Hence, OETTING CLOSER was shipped there before your letter of instruction arrived. I am sorry about the mix-up, but trust all is clear now.

NEGHT CITY is 48" wide and 36" high and will not be shipped until we receive your instructions.

Sincerely yours,

### Tracy Miller

P.S. Incidentally, my father, who is President of the First Machinists National Bank in Massachusetts, will be in your area just before Thanksgiving and sometimes smootness banks while he's vacationing. If I talk with him from there, may I tell him to smootn yours?



49 WEST 53RD STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10019 - LT 1-2474

December 6, 1965

( AFA)

Mrs. Edith Gregor Halpert The Downtown Gallery 465 Park Avenue New York, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Halpert: Edu la

This is a letter to formally thank you for your contribution in making our Shaker show the success it was. In spite of the newspaper strike that seriously cut down on our opening publicity, we have never had better attendance, not even during our opening months in 1962.

I am sure that it is public interest in a little known aspect of American culture that brought new visitors to the museum; most important, the beauty and integrity of the Shaker materials enchanted the public and kept them there once they came. For me, it was the most satisfying show that I've ever done; to Jean Lipman, editor of Art in America, it was the most beautiful, and one she thought every school child should see.

Only rarely have I been fortunate enough to find so many collectors and experts to help in so many ways. I am grateful, indeed, not only for your loans, but for the privilege of presenting the first Shaker exhibition in New York for many years.

Thank you again for your generous cooperation.

Sincerely,

Mary C. Black

Director

MCB:mb

November 16, 1965

Mrs. Carlton H. Burdick Conifer Acres, Box 67 Lugoff, South Caroline 29078

Dear Mrs. Burdick:

Thank you for your letter.

I regret that no catalog was published of our recent exhibition, A CALLERY SURVEY OF AMERICAN ART. However, the names of the artists on our roster who were represented appear at the foot of this letterhead.

I will be happy to add your name to our mailing list for future announcements and an returning herewith the dollar you enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Tracy Miller

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November 18, 1965

Mr. Bonald McClelland National Collection of Fine Arts Smithsonian Institution Washington, D. C.20560

Dear Don:

Mrs. Halbert has asked me to drop you this note to ask if you would be good enough to send an invitation to the ROOTS opening to Mr. and Mrs. Barry Peril, 916 Washington Lane, Rydal, Pennsylvania.

Many thanks.

Sincerely yours,

Tracy Miller

December 7, 1965

Mr. Frank Getlein 2007 Citadel Place S.E. Vienna, Virginia

Dear Frankt

During my recent visit to Washington when I mentioned how wash I missed you at the opening, I heard the very, very sad news.

It is most difficult for me to express appropriately my deep sympathy to you and the children. Dorothy's passing is a loss not only to the family but to many of us who had the pleasure of knowing her and knowing of her contribution to the world of letters - in addition to the great contribution you have made and are making.

If there is snything I can do to be of assistance, please call on me. You may depend on my sincere friendship.

As ever.

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November 29

Tracy Miller Sec. The Downtown Gallery 465 Park Avenue New York, New York 10022

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Dear Ms. Miller:

" outable mover We are sorry that we are unable to fill your order for the luggage, since our supply of this merchandise is completely exhausted. Therefore, our refund bank check for the full amount of the merchandise will be forwarded to you under separate cover.

We regret our inability to be of service to you in this instance.

Very truly yours,

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(6.20) Ms and Mrs. David W. Scott.
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JEROME M. WESTHEIMER
BOX 293
ARDMORE, OKLABOMA

Movember 30, 1965

Mrs. Edith Halpert The Downtown Gallery 465 Park Ave. New York, N. Y. 10022

Dear Mrs. Halpert,

Thank you for sending the pictures of the Aronson bronzes which I am returning herewith. We are not at this time interested in his bronzes but in acquiring one of his smaller paintings of outstanding quality. When we were in New York we went by Nordness' office, and he had two small temperas, but I did not think their quality was very good. So if you have or can find any good small oils, temperas or encaustics, please send me either a picture or a 35 mm. Kodachrone slide.

I am glad to hear the Stasack show is a success, and would appreciate your sending me two or three more announcements of this show since our Stasack is on the cover. Thanking you, I am

Sincerely,

Terone Westhelmer

JW:DM

Enclosures

November 16, 1965

Registrar

National Collection of Fine Arts

Smithsonian Institution

Constitution Avenue at 10th Street, N. W.

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirt

At the request of Mrs. Edith Halpert, of the Downtown Gallery, we are shipping to you REA Air Express, the Niles Spencer painting DOWNTOWN, NEW YORK, oil, 1922, 17 1/2 x 13 1/2".

When this painting has been received will you kindly sign the enclosed receipt and return it to us. The yellow copy is for your files.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Marjorie C. Freytag Registrar

enc. cc: Mrs. Halpert Prof, Freeman Nr. Dwight Prior to publishing information regarding sales transactions, magazohers are responsible for obtaining written permission from both artist and purchaser involved. If it cannot be established after a reasonable search whether an artist or purchaser is living, it can be around that the information may be published 60 years after the date of sale.

Mrs. Edith G. Halpert

November 30, 1965

of paragraph 6 as follows:

"CGA acknowledges delivery of the items listed in Schedule A and shall have the sole right of possession thereof, and of all items in Schedule B hereafter transferred to it from the time of transfer thereof, but may lend any of said items to EGH or DGI in CGA's sole discretion."

- 5. In the fourth sentence of paragraph 6, the word "of" should be inserted after the parenthesis.
- 6. The last sentence of paragraph 6 should be changed so that the insurance applies only to items not yet transferred by you, since insurance on items transferred by you should go to CGA. Also, if you pay over insurance proceeds to CGA, you should be deemed to have given the lost item to CGA immediately prior to the payment or else you will be taxable on a capital gain realized on the lost item. I wrote you about this on September 29, 1964. Hence, the last sentence should be changed to read as follows:

"If there is insurance carried by EGH (it being understood she is not obligated to carry any) or others as to items in Schedule B not previously transferred by her to CGA, and the insurance is paid to her, she may at her option apply the proceeds to replace the lost item within two (2) years or pay the proceeds to CGA, in which latter event she shall be deemed to have made a gift to CGA of the lost item immediately prior to its loss; or if reasonably repairable damages are incurred, any proceeds shall immediately be paid to CGA for any restoration work."

- 7. There is no provision requiring CGA to insure the items. This is left to the discretion of CGA, both as to items transferred and to be transferred. This is alright if you are agreeable to this.
  - 8. The last part of paragraph 7 is not quite clear.

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M. P. POTAMKIN 2608 COTTMAN AVENUE PHILADELPHIA 49, PA

November 15, 1965

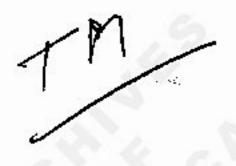
Dear Edith:

I am enclosing my check for \$3400.00 because procrastination does not fit me too well.

I should send off the other \$2000.00 shortly after the first of the year. Thank you very much for waiting.

M P. Botankin

Mrs. Edith Gregor Halpert The Downtown Gallery 465 Park Avenue New York, N. Y. 10022





### PHILADELPHIA MUSEUM OF ART . FAIRMOUNT

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN PARKWAY AT TWENTY-SIXTH STREET . P.O. Box 7646 PHILADELPHIA 1

November 12, 1965

Downtown Gallery 465 Park Ave. New York, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:

We are planning to return the Zorach, TIGER, TIGER (2 cak panels); MAIE CAT (bronze); THE GREY RABBIT (Maine Glacial Boulder); which you so kindly lent for The Animal in Contemporary Art Exhibition in the Fleisher Art Memorial, on Friday, November 19. If this date will not meet with your convenience, would you kindly telephone me collect, Poplar 5 0500.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

Gertrude Toomey Registrar

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# dorsky gallery

168 madison ave. • new york, m.y. 16021 • le 5-4864

November 26th, 1965

Dear Miss Halpert,

I hope you will be able to come to the opening of MYSTERIES AND DREAMS between 5 and 8 on Tuesday, November 30th for cocktails. I very much appreciate your cooperation in loaning a Dove to the Dorsky Gallery for this exhibition.

Looking forward to seeing you -

Sincerely yours,

Mohalhan A. Booville

Director

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December 4, 1965

Hr. Frank R. Jeffrey, Treasurer Charles H. MacNider Maseum 303 Second Street Southeast Masen City, Iowa 50401

Dear Mr. Jeffrey:

Thank you for writing us again. With the information you supplied I was able to check our photographic records and I find that the Arthur Dove painting CLAY WARON, 1935 did not pass through our hands at any time.

This being the case, it will be necessary for us to see a photograph of the work before we can supply the current insurance valuation.

Sincerely yours,

Tracy Miller

November 23, 1965

Mrs. Edith Gregor Halpert The Downtown Gallery 465 Park Avenue New York, New York 10022

Dear Mrs. Halpert:

I am afraid I am going to miss the Stasack show. I expect to be in New York next month, but I cannot possibly be there before November 27th. I am sure you are right that it would be desirable to have a Stasack painting in our collection, and I hope that eventually we will. You know, of course, that our acquisition funds are really very limited, and that the contemporary works have been purchased only at the time of the biennial Festival show. It would be fine to get a donor to give us one of the Staseck paintings. Perhaps you know of someone who might warm up to this idea. We are making some important acquisitions in the "old master" field, through a fund which has been established by Mrs. Krannert, but her interests are centered in earlier periods. The Stasack catalogue and amnouncement looked most interesting, and I had a nice letter from Ed just before the show opened.

With kindest personal regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Peace S. DEace

Allen S. Weller, Dean

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ANTOINETTE M. KRAUSNAAR

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Dear Edith -

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HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 05103 TELEPHONE (203) 527-2173

November 23, 1965

Mrs. Edith Gregor Halpert Downtown Gallery Park Avenue at 57th Street New York, New York

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Dear Edith:

As a small token of our gratitude for your generosity in lending to our Connecticut Collections exhibition (and for your help always!), I'm sending you one of our new catalogues of the Lifar collection of ballet set and costume designs. You'll find lots of surprises and some very beautiful things in it even thought Diaghilev didn't get around to commissioning many Americans. Most of the collection is on view at Harkness House for Ballet Arts, 4 East 75th Street, and will be there for about the next three months. I hope you get a chance to take a look at it while it is there.

Very cordially yours,

Samuel J. Wagstaff, Jr. Curator of Paintings

SJWJr:smd

P.s. 90 be in soon to look

at Some

Howember 13, 1965

Mr. Joshua Kligerman, Director Collectors Gallery Inc. 590 N. E. 79th Street Mismi, Florida 33138

Dear Mr. Kligerman:

Thank you for your letters to the artists and the Gallery and your telegram advising us about your decision to postpone the First Art Masters Exhibit until 1967. We will be glad to cooperate with you at that time and hope that we will not be in the midst of moving and reconstruction so that we will supply the desired material more promptly.

Meanwhile, would you be good enough to return the photographs as we have no other copies on hand at the present time and will make sure to get some prints as soon as the artists return from their various trips. If you plan to be in New York, I hope you will stop in to say hello.

Sincerely yours,

EGH/tm

November 26, 1965

Mr. Jerome M. Westheimer Box 293 Ardmore, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Westheimer:

I regret the delay in sending you the photographs. However, the photographer was so overwhelmed with work at this time that the prints have not as yet arrived. Therefore, I decided to resert's catalog which contains reproductions of two Aronson bronzes which are available together with the one photograph we had in our files. The information is listed below:

TROUBADOR, 1964 Executed in bronze (in the round) 22" high \$2250.

JUDGES, 1964 Plaque

23119"

1700.

EDMUND BURNE, 1964 Plaque

19x234"

1750.

I am having these three sculptures held for your consideration but would appreciate a very early raply as there is such great interest in his work that this friend limited me to a ten day period, which means about a week after the receipt of my letter to you. Incidentally, I can assure you that these prices are very much below the current figures because the owner and I have placed a minimal profit so that I may be of service to you. I look forward to hearing from you shortly and trust that I will have occasion to work with you frequently.

Sincerely yours.

# EOH/ta

P.S. The Staesek exhibition was extended a week because of the great interest and will be shipped to you on Tuesday, November 30th.

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December 3, 1965

Mr. Tracy Miller Downtown Gallery 465 Park Avenue New York, New York 10022

Dear Mr. Miller:

Enclosed is a stat of the Ben Shahn drawing of Dewey, Vandenberg; and Taft which was done in 1940. I hope this will help in your search for a b/w print.

We plan to use it as one of our text illustrations in THE AMERICAN NATION, a college history textbook by Professor John Garraty of Columbia. Just for our records, would you sign and return the enclosed copy of this letter if we may have permission to reproduce the drawing. Also I would appreciate it if you would specify the credit line you wish to have used with the picture.

Thank you so much and I will look forward to hearing from you.

Very sincerely,

(Miss) Lucia H. Coulter

was H. Comple

Picture Researcher

Education Department

28 November 65

Downtown Gallery 465 Park Avenue New York, New York

Dear Sir:

I am a graduate student at Washington University and am, at present, in the process of cataloging a Stuart Davis painting in the collection belonging to the university, Max No. 2. According to our records, the picture was painted in 1949 and entered the school's collection in 1952. There is no record of its whereabouts in the three year interim. Any information which you could give to enlighten us on this point would be very much appreciated. Also, do you have any information in regard to the title of the painting, Max No. 2? Is this the only title by which the picture has been known, and, if so, do you know the significance of it? Any help which you can give will be most welcomed by both Washington University and myself.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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\*\*\*\*\*Joseph J Kuntz 3871 N Utah Place Saint Louis, Missouri 63116

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Deares Edich Bridgewater Just when I'd made all the anangements for us to Come in for The weeks end, The N.Y. Times pluned Gil to do a piece, which brocks all our plans in a cocked hat! They want an article on Darren, the Town, not the Current problem. this mans much menning back of forth for die (I hope he doesn't get a black lige in the book gam) and no week end den us with you, alas. He took the assignment because he thought he sught well run into material for humselfen the course y things. So with your going away the last two weeks

December, it tooks like again we won't see each other for a speel. I reall, thinks it's dreadful that we've mit so seldom since our return. It's a real void in our lives because you know how much we both low you - and we are constant types. I do hope the rest does you great good a this whole harrible things somehow gits solved so you can git bad to your old way , life much much lover.

# The Corcoran Gallery of Art Washington, D.C. 20006

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

November 17th,

Mrs. Edith Gregor Halpert, Downtown Gallery, Inc., Rita Tower Hotel, Park Avenue & 57th Street, New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Halpert:

I believe you expressed the hope to Mr. Williams that the agreement between yourself and the Gallery would be consummated during this month. The month is running along and I just write to remind you that if there is anything we can do to aid in the matter we are at your service. I realize that you have been extremely busy with the opening of your new Gallery and it is not the intent of this letter to put any pressure on you, but it is just a reminder.

Sincerely yours,

President.

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Mr. Heodore Kollek of Jundalem Chairman of the Board of the Freel Museum Biffet Dinner and Treview of the CBS color four of the Museum Monday homember 29, 7:15 p.m. 941 Park Frence Plack Tie RSIP hen has Boh Jimon

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THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART

November 29, 1965

Miss Edith Halpert Downtown Gallery 32 East 51st Street New York, New York

Dear Edith:

We have a losn request from the Carter Museum of Fort Worth asking us to send eight pictures to the C'Keeffe exhibition opening there March 17th. Miss C'Keeffe has written me asking if we could cooperate in every possible way. We are planning to send the following pictures:

Charcoal Drawing #13, 1915 24 8 18 1500

Abstraction #9 (charcoal), 1915 34 14 18 14 1500

Riue Lines #10 (w/c), 1915 35 x 19

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Elack Abstraction, 1927 30 x 40 9000

Ranchos Church, Taos, 1930 24 x 36

Clam Shell, 1930 24 x 36

Deer's Horne Hear Cameron, 1937 36 x 40 70,000

We are most anxious to have appraisals on these pictures for insurance purposes, and I hope very much you can let us know what you think they are worth.

Sincerely,

Robert B. Hale Curator American Paintings and Semlpture

RBH/fb

South Parhaps you could fast fot them down on This letter and return it to me - December 4, 1965

Mr. D. J. Sibbernsen Jr. 400 South Elawood Road Cmaha, Kebraska

Dear Mr. Sibberneen!

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I checked with Mrs. Halpert on the matter of the discount to a museum trustee and find that such a procedure is followed only when the work of art is being purchased for the museum, in which case the bill is remained to the museum and the trustee sends his check payable to the institution.

It was a pleasure meeting you and Mrs. Sibbernsen. I enjoyed your visits very much and hope to see you both again when you are next in New York.

Sincerely yours,

Tracy Miller

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November 13, 1965

Mr. William B. Steadman, Director University Art Gallery The University of Arizona Tucson, Arizona 85721

Dear Bill:

Much as I wished to attend the two openings in Arisons, one in Phoenix and the other in your home town, it was utterly impossible for me to get away. I do have to stay home to mind the store until we become fully organized in these new quarters.

Indeed, although I am sure I told you that the Kuhn would be evailable for your exhibition. I will take this occasion to put it down in writing. Incidentally, I have two or three very exciting watercolors and if I get a chance will send you photographs of these in the event that you will consider them of added interest to your show. Do let me know however who will be responsible for the pick-up and the shipping of the paintings to you so that we may have the material ready when they call. Meanwhile, I am sending you photographs and would appreciate it if you would return those which do not interest you.

It was grand seeing you and I hope you have occasion to make more frequent visits in the future.

As ever.

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November 20, 1965

Mr. Frank R. Jeffrey, Treasurer Charles H. MacNider Museum 303 Second Street Southeast Mason City, Iowa 50401

Dear Mr. Jeffrey!

In reply to your letter of Movember loth, we will be glad to cooperate with you by supplying the current insurance valuation of your Arthur Dove painting, THE CLAY CART. However, our records are filed two ways - chronologically and by the name of the owner. Therefore, would you be good enough to let us know the date of this painting and from whom it was acquired in order that we may assist you.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Tracy Miller

# HARRY SALPETER GALLERY INC.

42 EAST 57 ST. . NEW YORK 22 . MU 8-5659

November 23, 1965

Mrs. Edith Halpert
The Downtown Gallery
New York, N. Y. 10022

Dear Mrs. Halpert:

Would you or any of your clients be interested in a 1908 Joseph Stella Steel Worker? The medium is charcoal, the dimensions  $24^m \times 17\frac{1}{2}^m$  and the spirit is vigorous and proletarian.

I would be willing to let you have it on memorandum for about a week, ten days, if necessary. I could bring it over, since your move has reduced the distance between us, but I would appreciate it if you could send one of your people for it. It is rather heavily framed.

I could let you have it for \$950.

Cordially,

Harry Salpeter

Mr. A. E. Tarlow 305 Town and Country Village Stevens Creek Soulevard San Jose 28, California

Dear Mr. Tarlows

As I wrote you emiginally, it is very difficult for us to make a selection of a work of art for someone with whose taste we are not familiar and much as we would. like to be cooperative, it was impossible to do so without sending a group of photographs of work within a limited budget.

I am therefore returning your deposit as you requested and hope that when you are in New York you will pay us a visit and make your own selection.

Sincerely yours,

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December 3rd, 1965

Miss Halpert Director The Down Town Gallery 465 Park Avenue New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Halpert

I received your telegram on November 30.

I am so sorry that I couldn't make you a payment for the

Kuniyoshi's works yet.

"From unaboidable circumstances I am putting my real estate on sale so as to make you a payment soon.

I am sure to carry out my promise to pay soon. Please be so kind as to give me some more days' grace.

With my best wishes to you;

Very truly yours

Tetsuo Kojima Nihonbashi Gallery November 30, 1965

Mr. Marshall Field Company Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Field:

I have just learned that you have left New York and are now established in Chicago.

It occurred to me, in view of the change of address, that our statement for the two American Folk Art paintings was not forwarded to you.

As we are nearing the end of the year, my accountant has called my attention to the fact that my personal records must be up to date and since the American Folk Art Gallery is a personal enterprise rather than corporate, he would like all the income and/or profits for the year of 1965 completed.

If it is convenient for you, would you be good enough to send your check to the above address. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

BOH/tm

### OLEG KONRAD

- 1922 born 4 October Chicago, Illinois. Began studying art at age of nine at Chicago Academy of Fine Arts and Art Institute.
- 1940 Painting trip to Mexico. Scholarship winner Chicago Academy of Art. 1940-42 (Graduated)
- 1942/45 Army service overseas in France and Germany as S/SCT Combat Engineers.
- 1945/49 Student in University of Wisconsin. Graduated with High Honors. BS and MS degrees.
- 1947 Painting trip to Guatemala and Costa Rica.
- 1950 Art Instructor Chicago Academy of Art. Painting trip to Haiti and first one-man show in Little Studio Gallery Chicago, Illinois.
- 1950 October, departure for Paris and study with Andre Lhote.
- 1951 Painting trips to; England, Belgium, S. France, Spain, to Normandy, Denmark, Holland, Germany, N. Africa, Finland 1954 Sweden, Scotland, Ireland, Portugal.
- 1954 One-man show in Faris Galerie Claude with preface to catalogue written by French critic Kenri Heraut.
- 1955 Exhibit with American Painters in France Pershing Hall Paris.
- 1957 Exhibit with French Artists in Venice, Italy.
  Exhibit " " Kermesse aux Etoiles.
  Exhibit Galerie de Cimaise, Paris.
  Exhibit Salon D'Automne.
- 1958 Exhibit Salon D'Automne.
- 1959 Exhibit with French artists Galerie Bernheim-Jeune. Exhibit Galerie Montparnasse 27.
- 1960 Exh ibit Vienna, Austria group French artists.

  2nd Prize.....
  Exhibit Galerie Montparnasse 27.
- 1961 Exhibit Arcachon, France.
- 1965 Represented by Galerie Royale, Rue Royale, Paris.

# FILMKAKERS:

PETER GESSNER. B.A., English Literature, Swarthmore College. Phi Beta Kappa. Former reporter and reviewer for the <u>Village Voice</u>. Actively engaged in motion picture production as editor and cameraman for Hillary Harris, National Educational Television, and others. Recent work on the editing of "Nothing But A Man." During this summer, edited a film dealing with the recent social and political history of Venezuela.

ROBERT KRAMER, B.4., History, Swarthmore College. Phi Beta Kappa. Woodrow Wilson Fellow. Writer. Last winter made trip in Latin America-largely Peru-working in indian cooperatives in the Andes, and travelling in preparation for a political work before being obliged to return unexpectedly. For the past 8 months connected with the Newark Community Union Project of SDS. Wrote narration for Venezuela film.

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November 26, 1965

Mr. Donald McClelland National Collection of Fine Arts Smithsonian Institution Washington, D. C. 20560

Dear Don't

First, Mrs. Helpert wants me to tell you that she is delighted to accept your invitation to stay with you when she comes down for the ROOTS opening. She will telephone you closer to the time with the precise details of arrival, etc.

Also, if we may she would like to ask that one more invitation to the opening be sent - to:

Mrs. Bella Linden 597 Fifth Avenue New York, New York 1001?

Many thanks for all your trouble and courtesies.

Sincerely yours,

Tracy Miller

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December 2, 1965

The Downtown Gallery, Inc., Ritz Concourse, 465 Park Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is check for \$153.00 to cover your invoice No. 10732 for purchase of Ben Shahn silk screen picture.

Would you please ship this to our new address, 75 Plandome Rd., Manhasset, New York, Box 796.

Very truly yours,

KARLBER & MACK, INC.

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November 26, 1965

Mr. W. J. Mackey Jr. East Road Belford, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Mackey!

Many thanks for autographing your fascinating book AMERICAN BIRD DECOYS. I look forward to the pleasure of reading it (without interruption) during my Christmas vacation and am sure that this will add considerably to my knowledge of the field, I still recall with some embarrassment an experience I had about 1930 when I organized one of our many specialized shows of American Folk Art, in this instance including modern examples fitting the select theme BIRDS IN AMERICAN ART. This included quite a number of early decoys, all of which I had marked on the labels as Duck. A man came in the first day of the show and was horrified when he saw the titles and spent hours with me correcting these by applying the proper name of the bird in each instance. The man was Joel Barber who, as you probably know, had the largest collection in the field. As a matter of fact, at his death I purchased his entire collection for Mrs. Webb, together with some original watercolors he had made. You probably know that I was instrumental in gathering the bulk of the Shelburne Museum Folk Art Collection and prior to that the Williamsburg Collection - or more precisely the collection for Mrs. John D. Rocksfeller Jr., which subsequently became the modeus of the Williamsburg Museum Collection and to which I added from time to time until Mr. Rockefeller passed away years after his wife. In any event, I have never outlived the "duck" episode and still have the pamphlet Mr. Barber sent me shortly after that exhibition when we were still on 13th Street, with a note reading "This may convince you that not all birds in America are ducks". What I really intended to write to you, in addition to expressing my deep gratitude for inscribing the book, was to obtain the address of Mr. Insles Hopper who was kind enough to mail me a charming note and to suggest that you send the book to me. I would like to send him a note of thanks also.

I hope to have the pleasure of secting you and to show you photographs of some of the decoys we have had as well as those I have in my private collection.

Sincerely yours,

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